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ONE-YEAR-OLD WINS HIS BATTLE FOR LIFE...

Little Noah, big heart!

Report by **TIM CHAPMAN**

IN March this year, a little boy from Barry suffering from meningitis, had his lower left leg amputated and lost the tips of his fingers and toes.

Noah Stephenson kept fighting, survived, and is now looking forward to having his first prosthetic limb.

People in the town have been so touched by Noah's story that they are supporting the cause *'Noah's Road2Recovery'* which will back him in overcoming some of the daunting hurdles he will face in the next few years.

Despite the traumatic start to his life, Noah is able to rely on the love and support of dad Gareth, mum Nicola and brother, Zak (three) in the years ahead.

Gareth told The GEM: "In March this year, Noah was just eight months old when he contracted meningococcal septicaemia – better known as meningitis – and nearly lost his life.

"In the days that followed, he was saved by the staff at University Hospital of Wales, but as his body battled the terrible virus, he lost circulation to his extremities.

"He was in hospital for six weeks. In order to relieve pressure, his lower left leg was amputated.

"Further still, he lost small parts of the tips of all his fingers and remaining toes.

"We are now doing various fundraising events for his fund so that he can have a financially secure future to help pay for any rehabilitation, physiotherapy and prosthetic legs he may need – more than likely at the same rate any child may need new shoes!"

Noah recovering in hospital.

Thankfully, Noah is making significant progress.

Gareth said: "He is one-year-old this month and doing fantastically.

"In four to five weeks, we hope he will have his first prosthetic leg to get him walking as any other child would do!"

So far, family, friends and supporters have raised £10,000 to help Noah, and a major event is planned at the Ty Newydd public house on Saturday, August 3.

There will be a skittles challenge, a raffle, and an auction.

Gareth said: "My skittles team, the Cavaliers, will be doing a sponsored skittle marathon to help raise funds for Noah.

"We aim to score 5,000 pins in 12 hours, from 10am in the morning to 10pm in the evening.

"During the day, we will be holding a raffle and auctioning some sports memorabilia, including a signed Cardiff City shirt and a signed Lee Selby boxing glove in a glass frame.

"We are inviting people to turn up and challenge us during the day. A team of six will pay £20 and get a one hour slot, and a team of 12 will pay £40 and get a two hour slot.

"If any challengers beat the Cavaliers, their entry fee will be halved. Their scores will count towards our total.

"As a team, the Cavaliers are getting sponsors from friends and family to reach the 5,000 target in the 12 hours."

To enter a team, people can contact Gareth on 07540 238955, or by email at g.stephenson4@sky.com.

To make a donation to help Noah, go to: www.gofundme.com/2iyhc8. ***(See family photo on page 5).***

FAMILY 'APPALLED' AT WHAT HAPPENED

Penarth man (19) escapes jail after supplying drugs

by AJ SICLUNA

POLICE smelled cannabis when they stopped a car in Cardiff, the city's Crown Court has been told.

Inside, in a bag on the back seat, was a quantity of the drug worth £960, said prosecutor David Thomas.

Ashley Jones (19) of Tal-y-Bryn, Penarth, admitted being concerned in the supply of cannabis and possessing it with intent to supply.

Jones, who had no previous convictions, was sentenced to eight months in a young offender institution, suspended for two years, and ordered to carry out 250 hours unpaid work and to pay £250 costs.

Judge Rhys Rowlands told him: "As you will appreciate, this is a serious matter and ordinarily attracts a sentence of some length. Clearly, there was a commercial element.

"You come from a close family and there is hope you will not let them down again."

Mr Thomas said that in November, the police stopped a car driven by Jones in Cowbridge Road West, Ely, Cardiff. They smelled cannabis and discovered the drug on the back seat.

Jones' mobile phone contained text messages indicating he was involved in supplying drugs.

His counsel, Ruth Smith, said he had full-time work as a barman, after which he intended to resume full-time studies.

"He is still very young. Unfortunately, he became involved with cannabis himself and then started offending.

"He supplied to named, known people, to obtain money to buy the drugs himself.

"He comes from a very responsible family, and they have been appalled at what happened. To them, his offending was completely unacceptable."

He said his parents made their feelings very clear to Jones.

"He has great potential, and educational ability. He is also a keen and good golfer who hopes to go to university. He is a productive member of society."

SEAGULLS REIGN SUPREME!

LOCAL seagulls who have taken up residence on the roof of the former Vale courthouse in Thompson Street have halted work on a £5.4m development.

(Turn to page 3 for the full story).

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'Wales always at the end of the queue!'

WE are losing a number of perfectly useable buildings on the Bryneithin residential home and the St Cyres School sites in Dinas Powys, which is a scandalous waste of resources.

With a bit of effort, these buildings can be utilised for the community. The excuse of security and maintenance costs is a smokescreen.

Did we attempt to provide cheap security by means of free housing to a suitable 'tenant', in exchange for daily checks on these buildings? This system has worked in other areas of the UK, why not here?

The St Cyres School site, in particular, would be ideal as a centre for sporting excellence in the Vale, which could also serve Cardiff. Is anyone in Sport Wales reading this?

The suggestion, which I put forward to cabinet, was ignored, but in cost/benefit terms, it would be money well spent and a fitting legacy to the London Olympics, which has provided even more facilities to the south-east of England – but how did Wales benefit?

Shortly, we will be hearing more talk of transferring our water to the south-east of England, as we have 'more than we need'.

...Perhaps we can get high-paid jobs, much-needed inward investment, free Severn bridge tolls, etc... in return?

Mrs Thatcher ensured that we did not get any Japanese car plant investment in Wales; but it doesn't matter if the Government is blue, red or yellow – the outcome for Wales is the same.

...We are always at the end of the queue.

Chris Williams
Dinas Powys (*Vale of Glamorgan Councillor*)

'Yes, money is tight, but you have to get the priorities right'

IN response to a letter on July 4 by Mr G Smith, Llantwit Major, I wish to address his questions.

He is quite right to point out that we are in difficult financial circumstances, having inherited an extremely challenging financial settlement following 13 years of Labour Government in Westminster.

Readers will recall the final note left by Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Liam Byrne, as his Labour Government left office in 2010, in which he admitted just how bad things had become: "I'm afraid there's no money left", was his now infamous parting shot.

Whilst it may be tiresome hearing this mantra again and again, the position the UK Coalition has found itself in has left the Government with no choice but to prioritise and to get the public finances back in order.

That's the point I have been trying to make – no matter how tight the purse strings get, you have to have your priorities right.

Currently, the young, the elderly, poor and vulnerable are being isolated, particularly in rural areas like the Vale, by the Welsh Government's savage cuts to the grant for bus operators.

This is the same Welsh Government which is currently pushing through a sustainable travel bill in the Assembly, whilst their fiscal policy is ultimately denying rural residents viable transport routes.

My final point relates to the funding of local authorities, an issue my colleague Alun Cairns MP raised last week.

If the Vale Council was funded in the same way as its neighbours in Cardiff and RCT, then there would be more that could be done locally to offset these damaging cuts.

Unfortunately, residents are suffering from both a discriminatory funding system at Welsh Government level, and a local Labour council that shows no signs of being willing to reassess its priorities and properly support local bus routes.

Andrew RT Davies AM
South Wales Central Region
(Leader of the Welsh Conservatives)

'Nothing sporting about injustice'

SPORTING injustice, the very word 'sporting' in this case makes me want to cringe, and as one who on age alone could qualify for the organisation known laughingly as the FAW – guardians of Welsh football.

These are people who through manipulation of their own rules, denied the senior teams of Barry Town and Llanelli and their thriving academies opportunities in the sport they love.

Someone, somewhere has to bring democracy back into the game.

I say all this with great respect to all our participating teams this year and I wish them all the best of luck and hope they win for Wales.

To see so many young people all over Wales so concerned via social media about what's right and proper lifts my heart, as does the gargantuan efforts of all at the wonderful family – for that's what they regard themselves – at Barry Town.

To deny the children of two thriving communities the chance to enhance their future, is nothing short of despicable.

I hope and pray that the utmost pressure is exerted on the FAW.

Walter Cronk,
Barry

Election battle starting early

THE Vale MP, Alun Cairns, has started his 2015 election campaign very early by attacking Chris Elmore, the Labour party candidate for the Vale.

Mr Cairns states that Chris Elmore was involved in plans to close three local schools and that he has links with the GMB and Unison.

Perhaps some of us prefer links to trade unions, as opposed to links with people who give millions of pounds to the Conservative party.

Mr Cairns is a loyal Conservative member of the coalition Government and supports, and is in favour of the £1.7 billion funding cut imposed on the Welsh people.

He has written in support of the bedroom tax.

Like all Conservative politicians, he ignores the fact that the number of people using food banks has tripled to over 150,000 between April 1 and June 30, up from 50,000 in the same period last year.

Charities say that welfare cuts are to blame for the increase. Also, the already rich high-earners have been given a tax cut. Mr Cairns didn't disagree with or vote against any of these measures.

Welfare reform is needed, but why does he support policies in which the most vulnerable of his constituents are being penalised?

G Smith,
Llantwit Major.

'Get your £1 ready at the airport!'

ALTHOUGH I live in Rhoose, I am not a frequent visitor to Cardiff Airport, but I felt I had to warn people who did not know that they have to pay to get out of the airport, after dropping people off for their flights.

On Monday last, I was taking my friends to catch a plane (two of them had been dropped off at the airport with their cases), and I was to drive the other friend to meet them.

He told me that he had to pay £1 to get out of the airport, which I must admit I didn't believe. However, it was a good job that he left me the £1, as I think I may have been prosecuted for not paying as I didn't take my purse with me.

I cannot believe that I dropped him off, which took two minutes – I didn't need to go in the car park.

When I got to the barrier, I was told to pay this pound. I have told several people and they were all surprised to hear this.

So to everyone who takes anyone to the airport, please take money with you, as they will charge you for dropping people off there.

Diane Rees,
Rhoose.

'Step up the beach patrols in the Vale'

AS a councillor on Barry Town Council, who has supported both the Rhondda and Rhoose Lifeguards in patrolling Whitmore Bay, I was concerned that on visiting Barry Island only the central area of the beach was covered.

I always believed that the whole beach was covered, especially considering how busy the beach was on that day.

Now is the time to ensure that the beaches in the area are fully covered in future, and the coastal councils need to be involved in future arrangements, to avoid any further tragic incidents.

Coun Karl Kuhnell,
Castleland ward,
Barry Town Council.

'EC: Let's get out now'

SO the people of Wales, especially in the Rhondda, have made their voices heard by stating that they would vote to leave the corrupt institution we call the EU.

I think they are now singing the same tune as most of the people of the UK.

It's a pity that most of our politicians here in Cardiff and Westminster didn't take any notice.We have First Minister Carwyn Jones saying he thinks we should stay in the EU, but we haven't been given one good reason why we should.

The EU has turned into one massive interfering, undemocratic, dictatorship.

Let's get out now, not in 2017.

DJ Radford,
Barry.

'No to political jiggery-pokery'

THE Unite Union's involvement in the Labour Party selection process at Falkirk publicly exposes a wider problem which, I suspect, is not just confined to the Labour Party.

I have often wondered how this behaviour is tolerated; even the Labour leader, Ed Milliband, denounced the events as 'shabby practices', but this seems not to be against party rules.

Stuffing poorly-attended local branch selection meetings with friends and family is also not against any rules, but it can have a demoralising impact on members.

I know in Labour Party branches there are many good members who would make excellent councillors, but who are stopped by this process... myself being one of them.

Selection in a safe seat usually results in election to an often lucrative political career, with handsome remuneration from our taxes. Jiggery-pokery when selecting candidates should be stopped.

Party power brokers appear to thrive on other hard-working members who are committed to some unclear ideology, filling envelopes, delivering leaflets, waving placards and helping the re-election of the same, or favoured, individual.

Keith Lewis,
Barry.

'WELSH NHS MUST IMPROVE'

AFTER visiting a relative in intensive care at the UHW, I was totally shocked to learn that they were unacceptably short staffed there.

In fact, I overheard one of the nurses (who are doing an amazing job under these circumstances) saying she was going to write an incident report about it.

Now I am aware of this problem, I must ask, just what is going on with our NHS in Wales?

It is now time the Welsh Labour-run Assembly Government gave NHS funding a greater priority.

It is really wrong that our NHS staff cannot give patients the care they should be getting, due to staff shortages?

Furthermore, if this is allowed to continue, it is bound to lead to complications.

When I asked staff about this matter, they replied that they were not allowed to talk about it.

So, I hope the unions, the board and the WAG will now urgently do something.

Coun Richard Bertin,
(Independent,
Vale of Glamorgan Council)

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HIGH TIDE TIMES
(UNTIL JULY 25)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
18 Thur	01.57	8.2	14.33	8.1
19 Fri	03.07	8.1	15.52	8.3
20 Sat	04.25	8.5	17.01	8.9
21 Sun	05.29	9.1	18.02	9.5
22 Mon	06.29	9.7	18.53	10.1
23 Tues	07.23	10.1	19.48	10.4
24 Wed	08.12	10.3	20.34	10.5
25 Thur	08.56	10.2	21.22	10.4

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Laura says thank you to breast care unit with local fundraiser

A young woman from Barry organised a fundraising event at the Masonic Hall in the town – to thank the breast unit at Llandough Hospital for helping her mother and grandmother.

Laura Jones (25) sold 130 tickets and raised a total of £1,619.

She explained: "I organised the event because the cause is close to my heart, with both my mother and nan having suffered from this terrible disease.

"They were both helped enormously by the breast unit."

The great news is that Laura's mum, Janet, and her grandmother Eunice, are now in good health. Janet finished her treatment just over a year ago.

The breast unit at Llandough is a registered charity.

"It does fantastic work in the detection, treatment and aftercare of breast cancer as well as vital research.

"I wanted to help the unit for looking after mum and nan.

"The night was a big success. We had DJs and a live band, The Underdogs.

"The amount we raised was £1619, which was well above our target."

ABOVE:
Laura and her mum Janet.
LUKE KEEGAN PHOTOGRAPHY

Many local companies got behind the event and Laura added: "I want to thank them all for their generosity, we had an overwhelming response to our plea for raffle prizes and sponsorship."

Birds delay £5.4m development... Not bats in belfry, but seagulls on courthouse!

NEWYDD Housing Association has halted work on the £5.4 million transformation of the former Vale Magistrates Court in Barry into flats and retail units – until nesting seagull chicks are able to fly off.

The nests are on the roof of the Thompson Street building.

Work began at the site on May 13 when contractors, Aberdare Demolition, moved in.

The redevelopment will provide 52 affordable houses and flats in the centre of the town, as well as retail units on ground level.

However, seagulls are keeping a watchful eye on their young and the council has decided the nests should be protected until they have flown away. Paul Roberts, the chief executive of Newydd Housing Association explained: "We have been working with the ecologist from the Vale Council throughout the demolition of the former magistrates court to ensure the seagull nests are protected.

"After advice from experts, we decided on Friday, July 12, that demolition will be halted until the chicks have fledged their nests. There will be security on site to protect all parties."

He added that the association was keeping local residents up to date with progress on the development through the local media, Facebook and Twitter.

Work on the new building should begin by the end of the year.

Meeting over Weycock Cross has good turnout

LOCAL people concerned about potential developments on land in the vicinity of Weycock Cross, attended a public meeting at Cwm Talwg Community Hall on Tuesday (July 16).

The meeting was organised by the group 'Friends of Weycock Cross' and an estimated 100 people turned up.

Campaigners fear the area could see up to 700 houses and an employment area established in the future.

A spokeswoman explained: "Our objections are that the land is currently used for agricultural purposes, and that development would lead to problems for transport, infrastructure and services."

The meeting was also attended by the Vale MP, Alun Cairns, local councillors, and representatives of local organisations, including Barry and Vale Friends of the Earth, FocusBARRY and Hope in the Vale.

There will be more on this story next week.

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Churches together!

ON Sunday July 14, (Sea Sunday) churches in Barry put on a summer praise service by the bandstand at Barry Island and traditional and contemporary songs were sung and prayers led by representatives of the churches.

Pukka Productions put on a dramatic presentation of the Bible reading.

The theme for the service was 'Jesus – our foundation on water and land'. Approximately 100 members and friends from various churches came along as well as a number of day trippers, and some Coastguard personnel, plus Alun Cairns MP and Jane Hutt AM.

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Lamb tikka cooked with mince lamb and potatoes, served in a thick special spicy sauce.
Special Nargis Bahar £7.25
Diced, marinated chicken and lamb tikka cooked together with fresh garlic, ginger, whole green chilli all mixed in a garlic chilli flavoured sauce.
North Indian Lal Kila £7.25
Marinated pieces of lamb tikka cooked with garlic, chilli and fresh spinach all simmered in a naga bhuna sauce. Very spicy.
Laal Toofan ..... £6.50/£6.75
An extremist blast with an exotic twist, Chicken or lamb cooked very richly with green peppers, chopped green chillies and a combination of Bangladeshi chillies including red hot chilli, naga mirch chilli and more. Extremely hot.
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Chicken or lamb cooked with fresh garlic, ginger, fried whole jeera, red hot dried chilli all simmered in a hot and spicy sauce.
Royal Goan Chicken/Lamb . £6.50/£6.75
A hot and spicy dish cooked with marinated chicken or lamb simmered with fresh onion, garlic, ginger and chilli, then smothered with coconut milk and lemon juice.

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Spring tandoori chicken (off the bone) with red pepper, fresh garlic and green chillies, simmered fairly hot in a garlic sauce.
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CHEF'S SPECIALS
Sylheti Murgh / Gosht ..... £6.10/£6.50
Chicken or lamb cooked with green peppers, whole garlic, coriander, fried chilli in a special mixed sauce.
Jaipuri Tikka ..... £6.40/£6.70
Tender pieces of chicken or lamb grilled in the clay oven and cooked with fried mushrooms, fried onions and fried capiscums with fresh spices in a thick sauce. Highly recommended.
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Traditional stye marinated chicken cooked with garlic, ginger, tomato, coriander in a special sauce, topped with fried potato straws.
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Shakoti (chicken/Lamb) ..... £5.95/£6.30
Shahi Honey Korma (chicken/Lamb) ..... £5.95/£6.30
Garlic Green Tikka (new) £6.50
Hash Jalfrez (Duck) £7.75
Hash Karahi (Duck) £7.75
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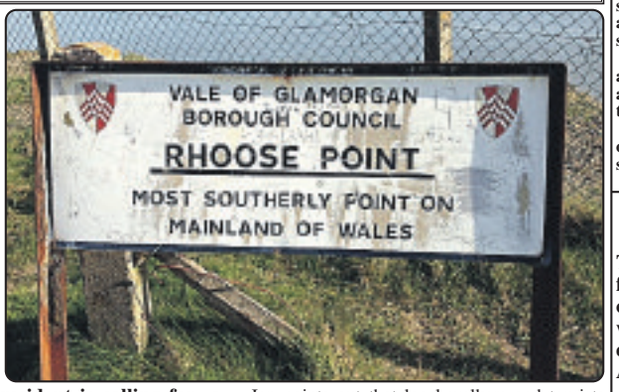
Vale Council says 'collector's piece' is going to be replaced soon...

Rhoose Point has a claim to fame – but its sign is 'embarrassing' claims local resident



RIGHT: The sign says 'RHOOSE POINT: Most southerly point on mainland of Wales', but a local resident says it looks shabby.

A Rhoose Point resident is calling for a new sign to be installed highlighting the area's unique geographical claim to fame, as the most southerly point on mainland Wales.

Ian Hawkins said the current sign was "shabby and embarrassing".

He said: "It's nothing like the equivalent in Key West, for the most southerly point in America!

"Couldn't the council get a new sign? We have a great walk along the coast, but it is embarrasing that people arrive at the current sign."

At Key West, a concrete buoy, in red, black and yellow stripes, marks the southernmost point on continental United States. Cuba is just 90 miles away.

Thousands of visitors to Key West have their photograph taken there.

Ian points out that local walkers and tourists might like to have a photograph taken on Rhoose Point, but not with the current sign as a rather scruffy backdrop.

Ian added: "The sign lets Rhoose down, in my opinion. Couldn't we have a replacement?"

COLLECTOR'S PIECE

When The GEM approached the Vale Council, there was good news for Ian. It confirmed that action was being taken on the sign.

Phil Beaman, Operational Manager, Parks and Ground Maintenance, told The GEM: "This is an old sign from the days of the Vale of Glamorgan Borough Council, before the council became a unitary authority in 1996.

"It might be a collector's piece, but we agree it is shabby and the parks and grounds maintenance division is currently arranging a replacement".

Visitors' verdict: 'Barry is FANTASTIQUE!'

FANTASTIQUE! That's what some recent foreign visitors think of Barry. Oh, I know, what have we got to show visitors – Dow Corning's towers? A broken-down fairground? Broken end of Holton Road...? Sad, you may think?

Well think again! They saw all of the above and our apologies were brushed aside. Sure, there is industry; sure, there are less popular areas; but, as they pointed out, each and every town of any worth has the same wherever you are in the world.

What they don't have, and what we saw through our visitors' eyes, was a thriving town with a stunning location, fantastic beaches, great shopping areas, friendly people, a rich history and some of the finest parks you could shake a stick at.

Our visitors came from America, north Wales and France – all had travelled extensively around the world and all were unanimous in their praise.

This was no sycophantic pleasantry to repay our hospitality, it was genuine pleasure in the surroundings.

So what impressed? Whitmore Bay, bigger than Bondi Beach, apparently, and twice as nice; The Knap beach, stunning – and the sight of Porthkerry Park running down to the sea is unique, as are the pebbles; the view of The Knap lake in the shape of a Welsh harp; the view from Marine Parade; The Old Harbour; Watchtower Bay; Porthkerry Park itself, that ancient wooded valley that flows to the sea and the great cafe at the end; the grand houses around Romilly Park...

...Then there were the views out to sea everywhere; the castle; the Roman settlement; the fact that a Frenchman, in particular, thought it was so clean everywhere; the variety of shops from Holton Road to High Street...

Barry beautiful? Embrace, enthuse, enjoy!

Peter Gamble, Barry.

WARD SURGERY

LABOUR Vale and town councillors for Buttrills and Court wards, Barry, Bronwen Brooks, Pamela Drake, Jeff Evans and Stuart Egan – will be holding their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, July 20 from 10am-11.30am in the meeting room of Barry Library, Kings Square. No appointment necessary.

Dinas Powys WI has busy calendar

THE Dinas Powys WI met for their monthly meeting on July 2 at the Lee Hall when a welcome was extended to a visitor from Australia.

The usual business took place, and thanks were extended to Lynda Wallis for the beautiful table flowers.

It was announced that there will be a coffee morning and table top sale at the Murchfield Community Hall on Saturday, September 14 and more information will be made available nearer the date.

Members and non-members interested in 'hiring' a table top on the day can contact Diana Hodgson on 02920 512704.

Wenvoe WI extended an invitation to join them for a 'Call My Bluff' evening in October and this was enthusiastically received!

The branch was reminded of many new courses available to members and their friends at Denman College – and the draw was made for a bursary to attend one of these later in the year; the lucky winner was Rita White.

With the Dinas Powys village show taking place on Saturday, August 31, members were reminded that the WI will again be providing refreshments and all contributions of cakes and time would be gratefully received.

The gardening club were advised that produce was ready for harvesting at the Nightingale Community Garden.

Events mentioned included a garden party on July 11, a walk around the Penarth Esplanade on July 16, DPVC garden party on July 17 at the parish hall and garden and the monthly Saturday lunch at The Star on July 20.

Because of holidays, there will be no monthly meeting in August, but these will recommence on Tuesday September 3.

The speaker will be Linda Seagram, who will be giving a talk on the work of the Dogs Trust.

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St Athan man burgled his friend's home

Report by AJ SICLUNA

WHILE a woman was serving a prison sentence, a friend burgled her unoccupied home, Cardiff Crown Court has been told.

Andrew Spurway (31) of Shackleton Close, St Athan, admitted a charge of burglary. He was jailed for 14 months, suspended for two years, made subject to a supervision order for a year and ordered to carry out 200 hours unpaid work, and to pay a victim surcharge of £100.

Judge Rhys Rowlands said Spurway targeted the home of a friend and committed a serious and mean offence.

"He knew exactly where she was at the time."

He said he had been persuaded to draw back from passing immediate prison sentence.

Prosecutor Ruth Smith said Spurway burgled the home in Barry, and stole an LCD television.

At the time, the occupier, Tressa Williams, was in prison.

While he was in the house, Spurway handled a number of letters and the police were successful in finding Spurway's fingerprints on them.

When arrested, Spurway admitted he knew where the woman was and said he had previously stayed at the house.

He was said to have previous convictions for burglary and one for robbery.

His solicitor, Adam Sharpe, said: "When this happened, his lifestyle was chaotic. It was not sophisticated, and at the time he was effectively homeless."

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10. Chicken Combo Chicken tikka, roast chicken, Chinese chicken & tandoori chicken
11. Hot Shot Pepperoni, salami, jalapeno, onion, peppers & garlic butter
12. American Hot Pepperoni, onion, spicy beef & fresh chilli (extra cheese)
13. Tikka Tikka Onion, chicken, tikka, peppers, American spicy sausage & mushroom
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15. Seafood Tuna, prawns, anchovies, olives & onion (extra cheese)
16. London Pizza BBQ sauce, pepperoni, spicy beef, onion & American spicy sausage
17. Paris Pizza BBQ sauce, roast chicken, smoky bacon, onion & peppers
18. Doner Pizza BBQ sauce & doner slices (extra cheese)
19. Romeo Meatball Spicy sausage, onion, meatball, pepperoni & green peppers
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Noah's family is looking forward to bright future

A charity day is planned at the Ty Newydd public house on Saturday, August 3, for Noah Stephenson, the one-year-old boy from Barry, who had to have part of his leg removed due to meningitis.

Many local people are supporting the campaign to give brave Noah the start in life he deserves.

To enter a team, people can contact his dad Gareth on 07540 238 955 or by email at g.stephenson4@sky.com. ***The full story is on the front page.***

ABOVE: The Stephenson family – Gareth, Zak, Nicola and Noah, who are leading the Noah's Road2Recovery team.

HOLTON ROAD under-13s are looking for new players.

If you are interested please contact Stuart Wilson on 07792 970 826. Training takes place on Tuesdays at 6pm-7pm at The Butts, community centre end; please bring shin pads and a drink.

You can also read our other GEM editions online:

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YOUNG MUM'S PLEA ON PLAY PARKS:

'Don't forget the children of Sully'

A young mother from Sully has contacted The GEM with a plea to borough councillors – *'Please don't forget Sully, when you're funding new play facilities'.*

Katherine Sweeney, who has three children aged seven months, two years old and five years old, said she doesn't begrudge other areas that have play parks and splash pads, but is keen youngsters in her village should not miss out.

Katherine writes:

The school holidays are nearly upon us and I am quite upset that there is nothing much in Sully for children to do.

I know that other parents and grandparents, who I have spoken to while out and about, feel the same way.

With a population of 4,238 living in Sully, I would expect a large amount of money is paid in council tax each year.

Sully has two parks, both of which are very shabby; neither look like they've been touched since the 1980, if not before. For older children there is a single basket ball hoop.

I witnessed some youngsters playing tennis over a bent barrier next to the Jubilee Park and that's when I thought to myself something has got to change.

I previously lived in Barry, which has an abundance of parks many of which are newly built and the splash pool down at Gibbonsdown is fantastic.

I understand why the council is improving areas most in poverty, and it is great they now have some lovely parks and areas for children young and old.

I think it is about time the children of Sully were treated with the same respect and treated to a lovely park, tennis court, skate park or splash area.

They would be so appreciative, as would the parents and grandparents who live in Sully.

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Funeral of popular Vale farmer

THE funeral of Vale farmer Mike Thomas is being held at Coychurch Crematoriam at 2.45pm today (Thursday, July 18).

Aged 84, he was a former joint-master of the Glamorgan Hunt at the same time as Lady Boothby and was a keen horseman.

He rode in point-to-points and under National Hunt rules from an early age and some point-to-point enthusiasts may associate him with Drinking Session, Romanza and Abbot's Haven.

He rode in races as a youngster and was 54 when he hung up his race-riding boots. When he retired, he put something back into the sport he loved by becoming a steward and a course inspector.

He also officiated at the Royal Welsh and many other shows in England and Ireland, and was also a permit holder (someone who has a permit to train under rules).

Jim Thomas, who rode against him on many occasions, said: "I will always remember him as someone who was involved with horses all his life."'

As for myself, I will remember him for his friendly words whenever he saw me at a point-to-point.

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CIVIC SUNDAY SALUTE BY RED ARROWS

Pictures by
MIKE WILCOCK

THE Cowbridge Civic Service, honouring the new mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun Gwen Baty, took place on Sunday, July 14 – complete with a Red Arrows fly past!

The service took place at Holy Cross Parish Church and was followed by a reception at the town hall.

The commanding officer of Cowbridge ATC, Dave Palmer, arranged for the Red Arrows to bring the day to a spectacular climax with a special V-formation fly past trailing dramatic white smoke patterns in the azure sky.

Young gardeners excel in schools competition

THE Llantwit Major Town Council recently held its annual school garden competition, which culminated in a prize-giving ceremony held at the council chamber on Friday, July 12.

This year's competition was judged by the mayor, Coun Keith Geary, his wife and mayoress Coun Mrs Sylvia Geary and deputy mayor Mick Mason.

All the schools taking part were visited by the judging panel earlier this month and Coun Geary told the children and teachers that he had been "very impressed" with the effort made in preparing the gardens. It had also been very difficult to choose the winners.

The competition was split into categories, one for early learning years and the other for older junior school pupils.

The winners of the early learning years' section were Eagleswell School; St Illtyds School were runners-up, and Ysgol Dewi Sant were third. Certificates of commendation were awarded to Gillybeans Playgroup and Llanilltud Fawr School.

The winners of the primary years were Eagleswell School, with Llanilltud Fawr runners-up and St Illtyds School third.

Coun Keith Geary told The GEM that the school garden competition is a 'no-lose' event: "It gets the children outdoors and learning about plants and everyone won a prize and small donation from the Town Council to put towards next year's event.

"I am also grateful to the Llantwit Major Horticultural Society, who kindly donated some bags of compost to schools who asked for it, to assist in their gardens." **TB**

ABOVE: Gillybeans Playgroup members.

ABOVE: Eagleswell pupils.

ABOVE: Ysgol Dewi Sant pupils.

ABOVE: St Illtyds' youngsters.

ABOVE: Pupils from Llanilltud Fawr School.

PENARTH ADVICE

ELUNED PARROTT, regional AM for south Wales central, will be holding an advice surgery on July 19 at Tesco Superstore, Terra Nova Way, Penarth, CF64 1SA between 1pm and 2pm. No appointment is necessary.

HISTORY SOCIETY

RHOOSE and District History Society is hosting a talk by Gerald Beaudette on 'Islands of the Bristol Channel' on Friday, July 26 at 7.30pm in the rear hall of Rhoose Community Centre, Stewart Road.

Tickets at the door £1 adults and 50p per child (under 16).

Welsh Hearts

ENJOY a glass of Prosecco and a three-course meal, coffee and mints, at Welsh Hearts Opera Night 'Puccini and Prosecco' with artists from Welsh National Opera; Penarth Yacht Club, Monday, September 16 at 7pm. *To book, contact fundraising@welsh-hearta.org or 01633 681788/07730944700.*

Vale traders act on under-age alcohol

by PHILIP IRWIN

TRADING standards operations aimed at catching retailers who serve alcohol to under-18s seem to show that traders are being more vigilant.

The most recent 'test purchase' scheme, running from June 2012 to February 2013, found that only 3.75 per cent of traders sold alcohol to an under age buyer.

Out of a total of 160 purchases, only six handed over the alcohol.

The figures represent a big improvement on the previous year, when the percentage was 14 per cent (152 purchases, 14 supplying).

The details were released in a report to the Vale Council's housing and public protection scrutiny committee.

Test purchase exercises have been running for seven years now, the percentage of traders who get caught varies considerably. In 2006/07, the figure was 19 per cent, while in 2008/09, it was just two per cent.

The most recent test purchase scheme shows that Penarth was the most vigilant, with more than 35 purchases, and no contraventions.

In Barry, more than 79 purchases yielded three traders who broke the law.

Of the six contraventions from June 2012 to February 2013, four resulted in fixed penalty notices, while two are subject to further investigation.

MP's praise for Oak Field Primary School progress

ALUN CAIRNS, MP for the Vale, has paid tribute to the governors, teachers and pupils at Oak Field Primary School in Barry following news that the school has been moved out of special measures by Estyn Inspectors.

The MP said: "I would like to offer a personal thank you to Linda Ware, who has been instrumental in her role as chair of the school governors. I know how much time she has personally given to helping to steer the school through a very difficult time.

"My thanks also to Mrs Lynne Bowen-Jones, acting headteacher at the school who has been unstinting in her commitment and passion to improve the school for all the pupils.

"Congratulations to all at Oak Field and I'm sure that based on these strong foundations the school will continue to develop and flourish for many years to come."

VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

'It's time to put an end to the *something for nothing* culture'

Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

EARLIER this week, a cap on the maximum benefit that any individual or couple can claim from the state, was rolled out across the country.

The level of the benefit cap has been set at the same level as the average salary of £26,000 a year.

I have personal concerns that this could be too high and will still leave many people on benefits receiving more than many hard working families here in the Vale. An important principle, however, has been established.

In spite of strong opposition, establishing the principle of a benefit cap will send a clear message that choosing a life on benefit is not an option.

We inherited a broken welfare system where a 'something for nothing' culture had developed amongst some people.

This is only one part of benefit reform, but an important element – that no out of work household can claim more than the average working family earns. This is right and fair.

Ending the 'something for nothing' culture in this country is long overdue. We should always be there to support those who need help, but the days of a blank cheque on benefits are over. This cap on benefits is a key part of our plan to fix the welfare system so that it no longer traps people in a cycle of dependency, and is fair for the hardworking taxpayers who pay for it.

Later this year, we will see the roll-out of universal credit. This will ensure that anyone in work will always be better off than if they stayed at home claiming benefits.

Under the current system, there is a series of complex arithmetic to calculate if someone is better off in or out of work. This is wrong.

Surely, the principle of going to work is important in itself, and it cannot be right to end up worse off?

In one of my recent advice surgeries, one local resident who worked part time, showed me that by working an extra hour, they would end up losing some benefits - which will result in them being worse off.

This constituent wanted to do the right thing – go out to work and provide for her family – but felt that the system was against her.

Thankfully, this will change later this year with the universal credit.

Of course, we need to protect and support people who cannot work. The system is changing to establish who needs help to get back to work and who, even with help, will not be able to work.

More changes are still needed. Too many cases end in tribunal, where initial rejections are overturned. The system must be sensitive, but not a soft touch.

In spite of strong opposition from my political opponents, benefit reform is a must and the benefit cap is central to that reform.

We have made a start, but more needs to be done.

Road improvements for Five Mile Lane

Report by TIM CHAPMAN

A MAIN route through the Vale, which has a reputation for being dangerous, is to undergo road improvement work.

Five Mile Lane, a link between Barry and the A48, has large notices at either end of it warning motorists that fatal accidents have taken place in recent years.

Five Mile Lane narrows in a number of places and there are several sharp bends..

The Minister responsible for transport in Wales, Edwina Hart, said that the work was to improve access to the St Athan–Cardiff Airport Enterprise Zone.

South Wales Central Assembly Member Andrew RT Davies, has welcomed the Welsh Government announcement that improvements would be made to Five Mile Lane and the Cardiff Bay link road.

He said: "These developments will clearly improve access and ease congestion and are frankly long overdue.

"Anyone who travels into Cardiff from the east of the city encounters terrible traffic and improving access to the bay and city centre should ease congestion elsewhere as well.

"As a Vale resident, I will now be looking for more detail about how the Minister plans to improve access via Five Mile Lane.

"As a vital thoroughfare linking Barry to the rest of the Vale and the A48, this has long been a congested route."

Mr Davies emphasised that the safety of motorists must be one of the priorities of the work.

"Five Mile Lane is exceptionally narrow, given the volume of traffic it currently serves, and is sadly an accident black-spot.

"I would hope that any improvements would also seek to improve safety and ensure that extra capacity could be handled without compromising the intended improvements."

Mr Davies added: "Obviously, I welcome the publication of the Welsh Government's wish list of transport projects, but the challenge now for Ministers is to work with the UK Government to turn this into action."

HMS Cambria is safe

VALE MP Alun Cairns has welcomed a Commons announcement that the future of *HMS Cambria* in Barry is secure.

Its site was under question as the MoD was reviewing all reserve and cadet bases across the UK.

Mr Cairns said that the Minister for Defence confirmed there will be a Royal Naval reserve presence at Barry as part of its reserve and base review.

The MP understood that *HMS Cambria* will be a base for the reserve forces and that the decision has yet to be taken for the exact location of an additional reserve base site in Cardiff. The changes will take place over the two to three years.

"I'm so pleased that *HMS Cambria* in Barry will be at the heart of the reserve forces in south Wales. This commitment from the Minister secures its future for years to come,"

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Honouring Barry Merchant Seaman Thomas Richard Lewis

PETE SMITH of Leeds has a special reason for wanting to trace the family of a local Merchant Seaman, who died during the second world war

He has sent out a plea for help regarding Thomas Richard Lewis., who died of cerebrospinal fever on August 17, 1945, in Africa, aged 17. He was a cadet on the ship (motor vessel) MV *Deido* and came from Barry.

Pete visited the war memorial more than 10 years ago and has been placing flowers at the young man's grave in the Gambia ever since.

"He was so young and I thought, what are the chances of his family ever seeing his grave? So, I took it on myself to sort of adopt the lad and lay flowers every time I am in the Gambia", Pete said.

He visits the grave twice a year while in the Gambia. Thomas is classified as a 'non-World War' casualty, due to the qualification status requirements of some deemed non-military or volunteer formations, such as Merchant Seamen.

His name was added to the local Merchant Navy monument at Barry during the refurbishment last September prior to the rededication and will be remembered for ever more in his home town.

It is hoped surviving relatives and loved ones will make contact, so that Peter can update them. Thomas is also remembered with honour at the Fajara War Cemetery, Gambia. Grave reference: Plot 4, Row D, Grave 5.

***Keith Greenway**: kgmaritime.research@googlemail.com.*

ABOVE: ***Pete Smith on a visit to the grave in the Gambia.***

Barry Camera Club members gain awards

TWO Barry Camera Club members, Jamie Archdale-Smith and Frank Cleland, have gained the Licentiateship of the Royal Photographic Society (LRPS) award at Fenton House in Bath.

More than 1,000 applications for Licentiateship, Associateship and Fellowship are received each year, with around 600 being successful.

Submissions are held in different categories and are assessed by a qualified panel of senior members of the society.

Frank's pictures were mostly taken on holiday in Hong Kong and Australia, with a few closer to home in Wales.

Jamie's came from trips to Italian cities, such as Venice and Rome, as well as in Prague.

Barry Camera Club meets every Friday evening from 7:30pm to 9.30pm between September and May at St Francis Millennium Centre, Porth-y-Castell, Barry Garden Suburb, Barry, CF62 6NX. New members are always welcome to attend, with no obligation to join. Alternatively, for more information, visit www.barrycameraclub.org.uk.

ABOVE: Frank Cleland's photograph of The Senedd.

Clean-up volunteers

FRIENDS of Barry Beaches will be holding their next beach clean on Sunday July 21 at 3pm at Watchtower Bay, The Knap.

Rhws children's Techniquest treat

ABERTHAW Power Station offered their help when the whole of Rhws Primary School were recently invited to a complimentary day at Techniquest.

The power station funded the buses ensure that the children could travel safely to Cardiff for the day of science hands-on learning.

"We were pleased to be able to support the trip following the recent traumatic incident in the neighbouring village," said Aberthaw Power Station Manager Phil Allen. "We were glad to hear the children had such a great day".

IMPS' CALL

CADOXTON Imps AFC Devils year-9 or under-14s team, urgently requires an experienced goalkeeper for the 2013/14 season.

If you are interested, telephone the manager, Alan Smith, on 07977498042.

Social media award

COGAN Nursery School has won the #FabSchool National Social Media Award, beating off competition from across the country on Twitter.

Henry Platten of eTreble9.com, who created the #FabSchool initiative, said: "We were very impressed with the work the school is doing in incorporating new technology into the classroom for the benefit of pupils."

Cogan will now go forward to the annual awards. Headteacher Pauline Rowland said they were "delighted" to gain recognition for the work they are doing.

New schemes give vital boost to plan for affordable homes

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by Jane Hutt AM
(Minister for Finance and Leader of the House)

THE need for affordable housing is a priority for the Welsh Government and the announcement I made earlier this year of an extra £20 million to build one and two-bedroomed properties, was well received.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council and local authorities across Wales welcomed the news, as did registered social landlords, such as Newydd Housing Association, who are currently having to wait for the seagulls 'to hatch,' before completing the demolition of the former Magistrates Court, which I was very involved in campaigning to keep here in Barry.

However, it is very good news indeed that Newydd is able to access Welsh Government social housing grant to help build 52 much-needed new homes in the heart of Barry on this key site, contributing to the regeneration of Barry as well as meeting housing need.

It was good to hear the chief executive say that despite the pause for the seagulls, the project will be on time for delivery of these homes as planned!

Housing developments, such as Jacksons Quay and the new Extra Care Centre in Barry, provide affordable homes at a high standard, meeting the Welsh housing quality standard.

Our successful negotiations with the Treasury has resulted in an end to the outdated and expensive housing revenue account subsidy for local authorities, such as the Vale Council, who will be able to access funds to continue the upgrading of their social housing in the county.

This is a positive outcome of intergovernmental negotiations between the Welsh Government and the UK Government, which I have been engaged in as Finance Minister.

We are also supporting a new scheme 'Houses into Homes,' which should see at least 900 units of empty houses brought back into use, with £20m funding of Welsh Government via a loan scheme. The interim evaluation is extremely positive about the scheme so far.

Working very closely with our housing and regeneration Minister, Carl Sargeant AM, I am determined to support him in meeting the Welsh Government's target of delivering 7,500 affordable new homes. Investment in housing is one of our seven key priorities in the Wales Infrastructure Investment Plan. We have taken steps as a Government, to boost investment in affordable housing by more than £400 million.

We are also committing £4 million every year for 30 years to support registered social landlords in generating over £100 million of investment which will finance more than 1,000 affordable homes over a four year period – our new housing bond.

This innovative investment has been recognised outside Wales as an example of Government taking the initiative in partnership with housing providers.

We have a clear commitment and responsibility to boost the provision of affordable housing in Wales. We are also committed to helping people take steps to buy and the Housing Minister is making a statement on housing support this week which includes options for 'shared equity' ownership models.

However, the development of one and two bedroomed properties has been a direct response to the impact of the UK Government's 'Bedroom Tax,' which is having a negative impact on many households as they struggle to meet the costs of higher rents.

There are not enough smaller flats and houses for people to move into if they have been hit by this new tax, and there is deepening concern about the levels of debt that are accruing in many households across Wales.

I have also raised our concerns with the UK Government about the negative impact of this new tax compounded by the new arrangements for payment of housing benefit that does not allow for 'payment direct' to the landlord – which is very difficult for low income families and will adversely impact on social housing providers.

Alongside our support for housing, we are also joining all those who are supporting those in housing need such as Shelter, who run advice services alongside the Citizens Advice Bureaux in the Vale of Glamorgan and we are boosting our support for advice and information services, working with our local authorities to support vulnerable people in

'DEVASTATING NEWS' as recovered body is identified as Hollie

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

A body recovered from the sea near Fontygary on Wednesday, July 10, was identified as the missing 14-year-old, Hollie McClymont.

Hollie had last been seen in the water at Whitmore Bay on Sunday afternoon, July 7. She was on holiday in south Wales from her home in Glasgow.

Following formal identification, the police issued a statement saying that their thoughts were with the family at such a distressing time.

The Assembly Member for the Vale, Jane Hutt, and Barry Island councillor Steffan Wiliam, voiced the sadness felt by people in the town.

Jane Hutt said: "The rescue services and the police have been exemplary in their commitment in the search and support for the family.

"But this is devastating news and our deepest sympathies and thoughts are with the parents of Hollie McClymont, for the loss of their beloved daughter in this tragic accident."

Coun Wiliam said: "The nightmare we all feared appears now to have been realised. One can only imagine the deep grief and despair which Hollie's family must feel.

"My thoughts are with them at this time."

Hollie was on Barry Island with friends when she got into difficulty in the water.

After her disappearance was reported to a PCSO on patrol, sea searches were conducted by HM Coastguard and RNLI lifeboats, while police conducted enquiries on land.

On Wednesday afternoon, during the search of an area of water by a specialist police search team, Hollie's body was discovered.

She was taken to Llandough Hospital where she was formally identified by her family.

South Wales Police Chief Inspector Marc Lamerton said: "This is obviously a very difficult time for Hollie's family and friends and our thoughts are with them.

"I would like to thank the community of Barry and the media for their support throughout the incident.

"I would also like to acknowledge the efforts and professionalism of the rescue teams who searched for Hollie.

"This tragedy has highlighted the issue of beach safety and while Barry Island is a really safe and enjoyable place to visit, I would urge visitors to heed the advice and swim in the designated areas."

Hollie's death will be investigated by police on behalf of HM Coroner.

Her headteacher, Andrew McSorley, of St Thomas Aquinas Secondary School in Glasgow, said: "It was a terrible shock to learn of Hollie's death.

"She was due to start fourth year in August and everyone at the school who knew her will be shocked and saddened by this awful news.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the family as they deal with their devastating loss."

ABOVE: Hollie McClymont.

Lifeguards in two dramatic rescues

WHITMORE Bay RNLI lifeguards on Saturday morning spotted two young swimmers in trouble.

The boys had gone out too far and were struggling to return to shore.

A lifeguard quickly paddled out on a rescue board and the boys were safely returned to shore, a spokeswoman said.

"Later that day, the lifeguards assisted two adults in an inflatable dinghy as they were swept out to sea by offshore winds.

"The lifeguards spotted the pair being swept further out to sea, paddled out on their rescue board, and towed them back to shore," she added.

During the hot spell, RNLI lifeguards assisted two people suffering from heat exhaustion and also assisted in searching for 25 lost children on Saturday.

Are you going to Cosmeston Fair?

THE 'Absolutely Fabulous' veggie and vegan craft fair will take place at the Tythe Barn, in the medieval village at Cosmeston Lakes this Sunday, July 21 (11am– 4pm). There will be a wide variety of stalls. Admission and car parking both free.

NCT nearly-new sale

AN NCT nearly-new sale will be held at Barry Comprehensive School (opposite Tesco), Port Road West, CF62 8ZJ, on Sunday, September 15 (11am-12.30pm).

Entrance, suggested donation, £1 adult. Baby/children's clothes, toys, equipment (e.g. prams) and maternity wear. Contact Julie on 01656 662564.

Proceeds in aid of the National Childbirth Trust Vale and Valleys branch. see www.nct.org.uk/in-your-area/southwales.

PACT meetings

STANWELL PACT, July 19 at The Pod, St Luke's Avenue, at 6pm.

CADOC PACT, July 24, at Palmerston Community and Learning Centre, at 6pm.

COWBRIDGE PACT, coffee and chat meeting, July 24 at The Red Fox, Penllyn, at 11am.

COURT PACT, July 25, at Ilminster Scout Hall, Ilminster Street, Barry, at 6pm.

GIBBONSDOWN PACT, July 30, at the Residents' Board Office, 28 Coychurch Rise, Barry, at 10.30am.

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Literacy Festival at Barry Comprehensive School

RECENTLY, 150 year-6 boys had a different approach to reading, as part of their induction day at Barry Comprehensive.

They experienced the vibrant atmosphere of a festival as they browsed at the book fair, enjoyed the music contributions of our resident house band, 'Back to November', chatted with Katherine Owen, the town librarian, and took part in a range of book-related games, led by Mrs Turnbull and Mrs Beckett.

The atrium benefited from a festival makeover, thanks to the hard work of the art department and their book-themed bunting, some beautiful artwork and an abundance of greenery.

The boys then had the exciting opportunity of a 'day to night' festival experience, as the school hall was transformed into a campsite, with tents, torches and our very own version of a camp fire (a huge thank you to year-12 Welsh Baccalaureate students, Mrs Edwards and Mr Pereira!).

Year-12 and year-10 students then read with the year-6 boys, sharing books. It was a very special experience as students read to each other, by torchlight, really escaping into the world of fiction.

We now look forward to welcoming our new students into Barry Comprehensive in September and are keen to ask 'what happened next?' in their campsite books, and in their reading habits generally… It's only just started. **AC**

ABOVE: Year-12 and year-10 students then read with the year-6 boys, sharing books by torchlight. (Photograph by Josh Davidson.)

RIGHT: Ben Davies and Lewys Watkins – 'Trust Me'.

BELOW: Jack James as Jake and Louis Jones as 'Paddy'.

BELOW: Katherine Owen, the town librarian, spoke to the students about the great resources available at Barry Library.

ABOVE: 'Back to November' provided the music for the literary festival experience.

'Survivors' keeps the audience in suspense

ON June 18 and 19, the main Atrium at Barry Comprehensive School was transformed into the post apocalyptic world of the *Survivors*.

This GCSE drama production was performed by year-10 students and featured years-7 and 11 students in supporting roles.

With a completely original script (inspired by 'Lord of the Flies' and *The Walking Dead*) the cast wowed two sell out audiences during the two hour production.

With a dramatic musical soundtrack accompanying the action on stage, audiences were kept on the edge of their seats as the characters battled their way through arguments, secrets, deceptions and the desire to stay alive in a completely devastated world.

The play, set in 2014, was created as part of the GCSE drama devising exam and students were responsible for all aspects of the production from acting and script writing to the set and sound design.

All of the cast performed to an exceptional standard and fully deserved their standing ovation on the opening night. Audience members were amazed by the quality of acting and storytelling on show with many lost for words and others reduced to tears.

One member of the audience e-mailed the school to say "… I have to say what a superb performance from all the young men. They were professional, thoroughly entertaining and a delight to watch.

"I was surprised at how involved I was in their stories and this is a credit to their acting abilities and their commitment. …These boys were a credit to both their families and to the school".

Mr Piekielniak, teacher in charge of KS4 drama and performing arts, said: "I am so proud of each member of the cast. The production was simply fantastic and it has been an absolute pleasure working with such a talented group of young men.

"Survivors brings to an end an extremely successful and busy first year studying GCSE drama.

"I couldn't be happier with the effort, dedication and commitment that the boys have given to their work this year".

ABOVE: Some of the cast before opening night.

'Fly grazing' law welcomed

THE South Wales Central AM and Welsh Conservative Leader, Andrew RT Davies, has welcomed the Welsh Government's announcement that it plans to bring forward legislation to tackle fly grazing in Wales.

Mr Davies has long campaigned on the issue and has called for stiffer penalties for those found guilty of it.

He said: "I welcome this announcement, which is frankly long overdue. We need to see an effective solution to this problem, one which has blighted parts of Wales, in particular the Vale and Bridgend in recent years.

"I am also particularly pleased to see that the Minister plans to bring this legislation forward before the end of the year.

"This is an issue for the whole of Wales and a concerted approach needs to be taken by the Government, in partnership with the relevant enforcement bodies and animal welfare agencies.

"I also hope to see an emphasis on supporting farmers having to contend with the issue of fly grazing and I am hopeful that any new legislation will focus heavily on protecting the rights of land owners."

Mr Davies remains committed to introducing a private member's bill to tackle the broader issue of animal welfare, and will be seeking to introduce back bench legislation, if he is successful in the ballot which takes place later this week.

He said: "We must provide proper protection for animals and ensure that they receive the care they require and deserve.

"My own bill will seek to improve the quality of life for animals in Wales. It will look at the fit and proper ownership of animals, ensuring minimum standards in terms of the environment in which they are kept, and consolidating and improving existing animal welfare legislation; including abandonment notices."

Memories of GI brides

CADOXTON (BARRY) WI NEWS

JULY'S meeting was attended by 25 members, two guests from Wenvoe WI, Mair and Betty, and two visitors.

The president introduced guest speaker Glen Booker, whose topic was Barry GI Brides of World War Two. He explored the history of the Americans in Barry during the war, and the many marriages that took place between local girls and the Americans.

Many family names were familiar, and comments such as: "she lived next door to me," "I went to school with her sister," and "she worked in Woolworths", brought many a chuckle from the audience.

Also on the agenda was an invite from Cadoxton Primary School to visit the nurture programme and several members went along on July 16.

The programme is the nominated charity by the Cadoxton branch for this year.

The raffles were won by Cheryl, Maureen and Gay.

New members and guests are welcome; call 01446 404891.

Night time visitor was Rocky the raccoon!

STRANGE creatures do come out in the middle of the night in south Wales (and I'm not referring to only the human kind).

Recently, whilst about to place clothes in the charity collection bin at the Bridge car park, in the Knap, Barry, I disturbed a strange animal rummaging through the contents of a black bag.

It looked similar in markings to a badger, but it ran away quite quickly into nearby woodland on the railway embankment.

It was definitely not a badger with which I am familiar from my country upbringing and working on three farms, here and abroad.

Convinced I had seen a raccoon (Latin name: *Procyan Lokor*) on returning home, I consulted my Longman's Illustrated Animal Encyclopaedia...I was right!

This animal prefers wooded areas – the railway embankment leading to Porthkerry . Park is extensively wooded, and they are often spotted in cities at night, being nocturnal, scavenging for food.

This sighting was at approximately 2.30am, with the car park in complete darkness until lit by my headlights.

The question remains, where did it come from?

Is there a family out there, or is it alone?

Christopher Short
Barry

***FOOTNOTE**: Have any other residents seen strange creatures out and about at night?*

The GEM would be interested to hear of any more sightings of 'Rocky the Raccoon'.

Barry Sea Cadets take silver in area regatta

TWENTY Sea Cadets from Barry were in Bristol last Saturday, after qualifying to take part in the south-west combined area regatta.

They spent the day competing with other Sea Cadets from the south Wales district at kayaking and rowing events, as well as being assessed for their boathandling in both powerboats and sailing craft.

Petty Officer Luke Ashill, the Barry Team Leader said: "This is a very large event; there are nearly 80 Sea Cadet units in the area, and our Cadets from Barry put on an excellent show. Cadet Griffiths coming second in the sprint kayak event was a highlight for the team.

"The team improved two places on last year, thanks to everyone's efforts." **NV**

Jack Revell Griffiths – silver medallist in the junior boys' single sprint kayak event.

Pendoylan pupils have a great sports day

PENDOYLAN Church-in-Wales Primary School recently held its sports day on what turned out to be a glorious summer's day.

The children, staff and parents alike, all enjoyed a wonderful time and, after a hot afternoon of sprinting, sack races and even a parents' tug of war competition, the eventual winners were the Red team.

The trophy was awarded to team captains Iestyn and Darcy, who were particularly excited, as the Reds hadn't won for a number of years.

So congratulations to all the Pendoylan runners and racers and good luck for next year! **DJ**

ABOVE:
The Reds' team captains Iestyn and Darcy with the shield.

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LINDA FEAGAN
(Supporter Relations Officer – Bridgend)

'BOUNCER'

Village opposition to plan for a camp site

Report by PHILIP IRWIN

A ROW has broken out over plans to expand a camping site in a field behind a Vale coastal pub.

Last year, The Three Golden Cups in Southerndown trialled a scheme for a summer camp site behind the pub – catering in the main for people who wanted easy access to nearby surfing beaches.

Encouraged by the response last year, the site has now put a planning application into the Vale Council, looking to establish a 50-pitch camp site, together with "ancillary facilities and associated works", that will operate between March 15 and October 31.

However, at a recent packed meeting of the St Bride's Community Council, it was decided to oppose the plan.

Coun Audrey Preston, who is the Vale councillor for the area, told The GEM that she had never seen so many people turn out for a community council meeting, and that the mood of the meeting was very much against.

Local resident, Ian Lock, spoke to The GEM and said that the site was unsuitable because it was in the middle of the village, and that even with an average of five tents a night last year, there had been instances of noise and nuisance.

He said: "There are about 200 people in the village, and this could effectively double the population."

He added that last year, it had been promoted as a site which was ideal for surfing and for its proximity to a pub.

However, the landlord of the Three Golden Cups, Alun Williams, put up a determined defence when he spoke to The GEM.

He said: "This year, we have been around 70 per cent capacity, and most of those staying have been families."

Mr Williams acts only as a booking agent for the campsite, but the proximity of guests who buy drinks and meals has clearly boosted trade.

He said that a lot of people valued a quiet country pub, but pointed out that if it was quiet all year round, the pub would not survive: "We do 80 per cent of our business in the months between June and September, and the increased business from the camp site has enabled us to take on two new staff, both of whom live locally.

"The winter just passed was the worst ever, and it was a real struggle because the weather stayed poor for so long."

He added that he thought that local people were aiming at the wrong target, and that a controlled camp site would benefit the area.

He said: "There is a big problem with 'fly camping' in the area at the moment, and this leaves the Vale Council having to clear rubbish left behind by campers.

"What is more, the visitors to this camp site park here, and don't add to the gridlock we get along the coast road on sunny days."

The planning application is due to go before the council on July 25, and Mr Lock told The GEM that he hoped the council would apply its own policy, which was not to allow new camping sites within the Heritage Coast.

He said residents were also objecting to a new access point to the campsite, which would mean that a section of an existing stone wall would be knocked down. At the moment, campers enter the camp site through the pub's car park.

Mr Lock added that he had a longer-term worry, because he was concerned that if permission was granted to build toilet blocks and other facilities, it could open the door, some time in the future, for a planning application to build houses on the site.

Alun Williams, of the Three Golden Cups, said that he was disappointed with the opposition, and said that a thriving local pub was important to any small community.

He said: "We have plans to open a small shop here, that would sell local produce and other goods, which will help the village economy."

The application has been made by two local businessmen, Roger Thomas and Peter Davies, and Mr Thomas said: "We were encouraged to develop this camp site by the Vale Council, who identified a need for this type of site.

"We recognise that there will be opinions regarding whatever happens to the field, but we have followed the advice of Vale Council planners, and the matter will now be decided by the council's planning committee."

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Cloudy2Clear Windows – Service With A Smile!

It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

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Charity's praise for Eileen's 'courage and commitment'

FRIENDS and family were joined by Vale AM, Jane Hutt, at the Fox and Hounds in St Brides Major to congratulate Eileen Matthews on winning an award from the Stroke Association,

It honours her courage and commitment in supporting those who, like herself, have suffered from strokes, often at an early age.

The AM commented: "Having suffered two strokes, Eileen has a clear understanding of the needs of others and she has overcome great adversity with courage and commitment.

"I am delighted that the Stroke Association has recognised this with her award."

Eileen (right) with the AM in St Brides Major.

Fire Service proposes changes to stations in the Vale and Bridgend

A REVIEW which addresses how South Wales Fire and Rescue Service operates across the Vale and Bridgend areas, could see major changes to how local stations are run.

In Cowbridge, it is proposed that full time firefighters could be moved to other stations and replaced by 'on-call' firefighters.

The review states that over the last 10 years in Cowbridge, for a number of reasons, there have been fewer emergencies.

It goes on: *"The area around Cowbridge is quite low risk and when there is an emergency, another fire engine from a different fire station usually gets there first.*

"This means we have more full-time firefighters than we really need to make sure everyone in Cowbridge stays safe."

In Barry, the review has proposed that there should be one fire engine with five full time firefighters and another engine with five 'on call' firefighters.

The rationale behind that suggestion, says the review, is: *"We have two fire engines at Barry Fire Station. There are five full-time firefighters on each fire engine.*

"Over the last 10 years, for lots of different reasons, the number of emergencies they have attended has got less and less.

"This means we have more full-time firefighters than we really need to make sure everyone in Barry is safe."

In Bridgend a new fire station could be built in South Cornelly to replace the stations in Kenfig Hill and Porthcawl.

The review explains: "*Our firefighters do not attend the same number of emergencies in the Bridgend area as they used to.*

"This means we have more fire engines and firefighters than we really need to keep everyone safe.

"By carefully choosing a location between the two fire stations we can provide more efficient protection with only a very small statistical increase in risk.

"We will continue to work even harder with the local community to reduce the number of emergencies we attend. This will reduce the risk further and save more lives in the Bridgend area."

Huw Jakeway, Chief Fire Officer at South Wales Fire and Rescue Service said: *"The Fire Cover Review will be reviewing the whole service area, but this will take place in three stages; stage one will look at the the Vale, Bridgend and Cardiff authorities.*

"The review looks at the location, number and type of resources within each of our authorities including firefighters' vehicles, equipment and fire stations – that are needed, and where they should be located to provide the most efficient and effective and safest fire and rescue service across south Wales.

"Any proposed changes to those resources will be consulted upon with our employees, the public and partners.

"This essential feedback from this consultation will be taken to our Fire and Rescue Authority for agreement before moving on to stage two of the Fire Cover Review."

• If anyone wants to respond to the review proposals, they can send their views to Freepost RSAU-CCXG-XKAS, South Wales Fire & Rescue Service, Unit 2, Forest View Business Park, Llantrisant, Pontyclun, CF72 8LX; or email: haveyoursay@southwales-fire.gov.uk

NEWS IN BRIEF

REGISTRATION for this summer's Free Play 4 Life has been extended, so children can now be signed up until tomorrow (Friday July 19).

Taking place in community venues across Bridgend county borough, the sessions encourage children aged eight to 11 to take part in a variety of sports, play and craft activities.

Now in its fourth year, Play 4 Life is funded by local town and community councils and is run by Bridgend council's Active Young People department in partnership with Halo Leisure.

Three-to-seven-year-olds can enjoy 'Mini Play 4 Life' for just £2.50 a session.

Herb garden flourishes

COSMESTON medieval village has a flourishing herb garden again – thanks to staff and volunteers who spent six months nurturing the medieval garden back to full strength.

Over 20 different varieties of herbs and spices include elderflower, rosemary, borage, comfrey, St John's wort and lavender.

The cottage-sized herb garden was left unmanaged for over a year due to staff reorganisation, but is now being tended by the team.

Cosmeston medieval village is open seven days a week, 10am – 4pm. Entry is free; however, if you'd like to upgrade your visit to a guided tour by one of the costumed guides, there is a charge of £2.50 per person. Tours run every day at 12pm; 1.30pm and 3pm.

Open gardens

THE 17th 'Open Gardens Trail' takes place in Penarth on Saturday July 27 (from 10am – 6pm); and on Sunday July 28 (from 12 noon – 5pm).

Eight gardens and the Sully Terrace allotments will be open. Admission to all gardens is £5; children admitted free.

Some addresses where ttickets may be purchased: 68, Redlands Road, Penarth; 77, Coleridge Avenue; 82, Plymouth Road; 18, Evenlode Avenue; 123, Westbourne Road and 4, Tudor Close, Westbourne Road, Penarth.

Contact Ann Lush (02920 703547), or email:ann@lush.eu.com for full details.

All proceeds to the Children's Society.

Vale church that changed direction shuts doors – but God's work goes on

ON Sunday July 28, following a final service of celebration at 3pm, the doors of Ebenezer URC in Llantwit Major will close for the last time after 198 years .

Some five weeks before the Battle of Waterloo, the Consistory Court at Llandaff licensed a house called Ebenezer in Colhugh Street as an Independent Calvinistic meeting place, naming Watkin Watkin as the minister.

There is a tradition that a group of non-Conformists had been ejected from St Donat's some 60 years before and, having moved to Llantwit Major, had made slow but steady progress to such an extent that they were in a position to acquire a property for use as a place of worship.

Whether there is any truth to this story or not, the house became the first non-Conformist chapel in the town, though not in the parish as Bethesda'r Fro holds that honour.

The Tithe Map of 1839 confirms that there were three houses in the row, so the congregation had a home but it soon lost its leader, who left for America. Consequently it scattered, many joining Bethesda. The church was closed and almost sold to the Baptists.

There followed a number of attempts to revive fortunes but it was not until the arrival of Rev Morgan Morgan from Blaenavon that things began to look up. Initially, he came to minister to Bethesda and Nurston (Rhoose) chapels, but was persuaded to take on the resurrection of Ebenezer.

He was a remarkable man for he was able to clear the church's considerable debts within months and proceeded to oversee the three chapels for nigh on 40 years, preaching in English at Ebenezer and Welsh at the other two.

All this and running the Post Office in Boverton as well.

He died on Sunday March 15 1874, whilst travelling between the chapels. One obituary described him as a "very edifying and sweet preacher".

Ebenezer was flourishing as was the tie between it and Bethesda for the three ministers who followed all served both chapels. It was during the time of Rev John Llewellyn that the congregation began to express dissatisfaction with their enlarged house which ran parallel to Beach Road, especially as it had a smaller capacity than Bethesda.

However, the members had a typically Victorian attitude to debt and though they raised funds through eisteddfodau, concerts and bazaars, they were still well short.

Llewellyn finally persuaded them to ask for loans and the foundation stone was laid in November 1905, in atrocious weather.

The builder was a local man – John Chatterton and it took until 1916 to clear the debt. The church was turned around and now faced at right angles to the Beach Road.

Throughout the 1920s and 30s the congregation remained strong and the ministers promoted activities for young people across the Vale. In order to attract ministers it was decide to go into debt again and build a manse on Boverton Road.

The house was called 'Bro Dawel' and it survived until the 1970s, when it was demolished to make way for The Precinct.

During World War Two Bethesda was only open intermittently because of the security demands of RAF St Athan and it struggled to re-establish itself.

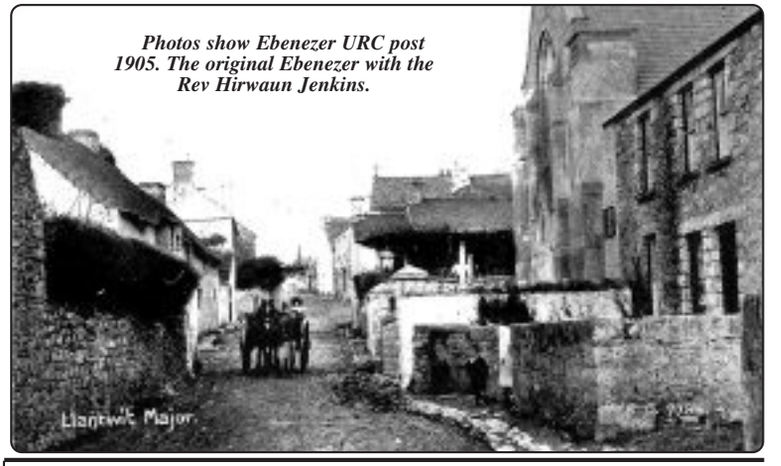
During the 1950s and 60s Ebenezer began to experience a decline in numbers. The Congregational Church combined with other denominations to form The United Reformed Church and the ties between Ebenezer and Bethesda were finally broken in 1974, when the latter was encouraged to go it alone with the assistance of the RAF.

Over the 108 years of its existence, the present building has not just been a place of worship. It housed the YMCA during World War Two, a class from the overcrowded school and, more recently, a nursery. And how many men based at RAF Llandow or St Athan have wed their sweethearts within its walls?

Sadly, the economics of maintaining a building have become prohibitive for a small congregation, especially one that is no longer young. The difficult decision to close the church was made, but the congregation intends to move en-bloc and join Bethesda'r Fro where it has been worshipping for more than 10 years, thus cementing a link which was established more than 150 years ago.

That is why the service on July 28, to which all are invited, will be one of celebration, for God's work will go on.

NIGEL WILLIAMS



Photos show Ebenezer URC post 1905. The original Ebenezer with the Rev Hirwaun Jenkins.

Record numbers attend the family fun day at Ty Hafan

A RECORD number of 2,500 people flocked to Ty Hafan's family fun day, held at its stunning facility on the edge of the Bristol Channel in Sully.

A few famous faces were spotted during the day, including Cardiff Blues' captain Andries Pretorius and his wife Rosie along with Casualty star Patrick Robinson, who raised £1,000 for Ty Hafan when he appeared on ITV's All Star Family Fortunes the night before.

This year's fun day, sponsored by Dow Corning, offered something for everyone, from classic car displays to fairground rides, live entertainment, a climbing wall and market stalls...

...not forgetting the fantastic animal displays, including birds of prey, police dogs and horses, as well as special visits from Star Wars characters, Captain Jack Sparrow and Hello Kitty!

Members of the care services team were on hand throughout the day to guide visitors around the hospice, showing them the amazing facilities on offer to life-limited children, young people and their families.

"We had the best turnout and we're so pleased so many people came along to show their support," said Ty Hafan's event organiser Jessica Morgan. "There was such a fantastic atmosphere during the day and it was so wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves.

"The fun day is a great opportunity for us to be able to show the general public around and bring them up to speed with the breadth of services we offer.

"I would also like to say a huge thank you to Dow Corning for sponsoring the event, our volunteers for all their hard work, as well as all those who came along and made it our best fun day to date."

To see a video of the fun day visit: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qW3ltFG7STA&list=PLjShwG1xwRGNz27ydFSVwrjjlhJNnU0TR

For more information about Ty Hafan visit www.tyhafan.org.

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LLANCARFAN PRIMARY'S WELCOME HOME FOR ITS MARATHON CHARITY 'PELOTON'

LLANCARFAN Primary School's recent summer fair had two reasons to celebrate.

First, it was a chance to welcome home headteacher Colin Smith and six Llancarfan pupils' dads from their successful 'Killarney to Llancarfan' charity bike ride...

The second reason to celebrate was that the school was now assured of its future, after a proposal to close it, which came to light several months ago, was dropped

More than 250 people came together on the school field in the glorious sunshine to enjoy a barbecue and to spend their pennies at the many stalls put together by pupils.

With a choice from cakes, crafts, plants and sweets to craft making, coconut shy and fossil hunting, everyone was kept busy during the afternoon!

A disco followed for pupils while parents continued to enjoy the sunshine. The PTA, staff and pupils all did a fantastic job once again to make Llancarfan summer fair a great success, with all the cash raised going towards vital school equipment.

WELCOME HOME

Mr Smith and his six fellow cyclists had returned earlier in the week. The 300-mile charity had a target of raising £4,000 for the school PTA and the 'Dreams and Wishes' charity.

The head, alongside Paul Rebhan, Oli Spencer, Roger Phelps, Paul Clancy, Ian McMeechan, and Derek Evans had returned to a celebration in the historic St Cadoc's churchyard, a fitting end to a bike ride, which closely followed the pilgrimage route taken by Saint Cadoc.

Pedalling on average 75 miles a day, the team made good progress, managing to call in on the school\s Comenius partners at Glenfesk School, Killarney and also visiting Lismore Castle.

There were a few minor injuries en-route but no major set-backs.

The fundraising total is still to be confirmed, but the team are confident they will have reached their £4,000 target.

"We have had so much support from everyone at the school and the local community" said Paul Rebhan

"It was a very emotional welcome home and lovely to see our families and friends lining the path through St Cadoc's churchyard.

"We would also like to say a big thank you to our support drivers, Steve Vink and Arwyn Rees, who managed to keep track of us along the way."

Mr Colin Smith, added "We have been overwhelmed by the support and hope to continue with our fundraising efforts next year –with a bike ride from Land's End to John O'Groats.

"Our chosen charity this year, Dreams and Wishes, does an amazing job of supporting seriously ill children and their families, and we look forward to announcing our total raised and presenting them with a cheque."

ABOVE:
The cyclists arrive back at at St Cadoc's Church, in Llancarfan.

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Monsters University passes screen test

PIXAR, while easily the most innovative animation studio on the block, have never been afraid to go back to the well and attempt to improve on the original (just see *Toy Story 2* and *3*).

With a *Finding Nemo* sequel also on the horizon, the studio have entered prequel territory with *Monsters University*. Set before 2001's *Monsters Inc*, it sees Sulley and Mike (voiced by John Goodman and Billy Crystal) in their student days, as they meet in the same fraternity; however, the polar opposites don't exactly hit it off in a rivalry that will tear their world apart but eventually bring them together...

Very often, returning to the scene of your past glories indicates that the creative well is running dry; this is something that even applies to Pixar, the previously-imperious studio showing the faintest chink in their armour (particularly with *Cars 2* and the decent but standard *Brave*).

It's understandable, then, that given the popular reception afforded their *Toy Story* sequels, that they would take another trip down sequel (or, in this case, prequel) lane with another of their hugely popular creations, *Monsters Inc*.

The original was a huge success, and made for a hugely entertaining film, but 12 years later do the characters warrant a revisit? The answer is a positive one, but anyone expecting a seismic experience like Pixar have usually delivered will feel let down.

That isn't to say *Monsters University* doesn't entertain, but it feels more like an above average direct-to-DVD follow-up rather than a cinematic effort.

As usual, the film looks fantastic, and the 3D (something recent box office figures indicate is a craze on the wane) gives you a rich depth, while the story itself plays as an intriguing look at how Mike and Sulley became the best buddies that we meet in *Monsters Inc*.

Like the usual Pixar fare, the gag rate is pretty rapid and the majority stick, but skewering far more to the younger audience, lacking the bite for grown-ups that usual goes hand in hand with the material, especially when the college setting riffs so heavily on the likes of *Revenge Of The Nerds* and *Animal House*.

A few more well-aimed gags in that vein would have been a welcome site rather than the 'anyone can achieve their dreams' moral that permeates the story a little too much.

The nature of a prequel does mean that a certain amount of suspense and peril goes out the window, and if the references to the toxicity of children and the danger they pose comes off as half-baked, knowing what we know, there are a few clever twists before we get to the present day with the presence of several characters from *Monsters Inc* slipped in with minimal jarring, not feeling shoehorned at all.

The vocal cast are impressive, with John Goodman and Billy Crystal falling back into their roles like it hasn't been 12 years, while new additions Helen Mirren and Nathan Fillion (to name but two) bring a nice amount of gusto the vocal booth.

While you can't fault the laughs it generates and also the way it cleverly develops the franchise's universe, there is just something about *Monsters University* that feels like it's stuck in fourth gear, not quite getting to top speed; anyone who likes *Monsters Inc*, or Pixar films generally, will find much to enjoy but it won't light your fire in the way *Up* or *Toy Story 3* do.

VERDICT: Nowhere near the weakest of their output (*Cars, Cars 2*) but not quite up there with their best either,

by GARETH JAMIESON
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Monsters University is a satisfying and pleasing film that has likeable characters, good jokes and an engaging story.

It feels like there's something missing just to push it over the edge into greatness, but as it stands, it's a good film. *Enjoyable*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Monsters Inc* (2001), *Toy Story 2* (2000).

NEWS FROM THE FONMON APIARY

Bees take priority over honey harvest

THE year 2013 is now half gone, and the bees that came through the winter are looking very well.

As of yet, I have not had any of them swarming but with the drier and warmer conditions that are prevailing, I have already answered calls to swarms in Cardiff, Penarth, Barry and Wick.

Of these, I have introduced two into the apiary here at Fonmon. Others have been passed on to beginners who have not been able to purchase bees this year.

How do those new to the craft of beekeeping get established? Well, the usual route would be the purchase of a nucleus of bees, but the dramatic loss of bees nationwide this past winter has meant that not many packages of bees have been offered for sale.

What is a nucleus? It is a Queen bee accompanied by several thousand worker bees in a smaller version of the standard hive (the national type hive is a much-used pattern).

Given fair weather, the Queen in this nucleus will start to lay eggs and the development of these eggs into new bees means that the nucleus is building up in bee numbers, and therefore will require to be moved into a full size hive (the national).

From this small beginning, the new beekeeper may well wish to have an apiary holding two or three colonies, and given that bees do swarm, he/she could well become retrievers of swarms themselves, and hence an apiary develops.

Many of the requests to tackle swarms have turned out to be bumblebees, and bird boxes have been much-favoured sites. The removal of the boxes and their occupants has not been too difficult, and re-locating has met with some success.

However, some of the bumblebees have occupied spaces where getting at them was not really viable i.e. under decking, in loft spaces, under sheds and in compost bins.

No damage is caused by bumblebees occupying these spaces, and remember they, like the honeybee, are pollinators. So if the bees are not causing you any inconvenience, leave them where they are, as they will eventually die off. Unlike honeybees, they do not survive over the winter. So, how do bumblebees keep the species going? Well, all of the nest occupants die off except for several females that have been designated to be the Queens for the following year.

These females will leave the nest site as individuals and find a place to hibernate and will start a new colony elsewhere in the following spring.

Will I get honey this year? I live in hope, but the welfare of the bees is my main concern, and their need for honey far outweighs mine. July is forecast to be okay weather wise, and the pollinating insects will certainly appreciate it.

The varroa mite is still a major problem for beekeepers, and on the horizon we have the Asian hornet (a predator of bees). It is not with us yet, but it is only a matter of time, because it is well established in France due to transporting commodities around the world.

As if this wasn't enough, we have the threat of the small hive beetle lurking in the wings (a South African bee predator) and this will also eventually appear.

Many challenges lie ahead, and the established and new beekeepers must meet them. The invaders I have mentioned are, in particular, parasites of honeybees and not of other pollinators.

HAROLD WILLIAMS

Train takes strain for Penarth and District Ramblers

RECENTLY, the group had the pleasure of leaving cars at home, the Vale railway dropping them off at destinations for two enjoyable coastal walks.

The first saw 15 walkers including Anna and daughter Jenny from America joining Joy for the journey to Llantwit Major, where they spent some time exploring St Illtud's Church before following Church Lane and overgrown paths to make their way down into Tresilian Bay to Reynard's Cave, where they enjoyed some swashbuckling smugglers' tales before returning to the cliff walking east along the Wales Coast Path to Llantwit Major.

After coffee, they continued past Stout Point to Summerhouse Point, viewing the summerhouse within an Iron Age hill fort before continuing to Limpert Bay passing Aberthaw Power Station to enjoy lunch at Pleasant Harbour.

Climbing to Fontygary Caravan Park, they journeyed on in hot sunshine to pass through the caravan park at Porthkerry, before dropping downhill for cooling ices at Porthkerry Park to fortify them for the journey up through Cliffwood and through the town to Barry railway station and the homeward journey.

The second was a 20-mile mid-week celebratory tramp for the group's 20th year when four keen walkers joined Joy on the train this time to Bridgend on a boiling hot day and following the River Ogmore they crossed Newbridge Fields then meadows to Merthyr Mawr stopping on the beach at Traeth yr Afon for refreshments.

Reaching Merthyr Mawr with its lovely church, delightful thatched cottages and ruined castle, they crossed the river to climb up onto Ogmore Down and at St Brides Major headed downhill through fields and woods to Dunraven for lunch in the walled garden.

The passage across three lovely clean beaches with a cooling breeze was fantastic and climbing at Nash Point they followed the cliff path through St Donat's and Tresilian Bay back to Llantwit beach. After cooling ice creams and a drink at the Swan, thankfully they were able to rest tired feet and bodies on the train journey back.

On July 20 (note the change of walk) meet 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a nine-mile moderate historical Romans and Celts ramble; contact Barbara on 01446 794313.

On July 21, meet at 9.30am at Cogan for a nine-mile hard walk taking in Fan Brycheiniog and Llyn y Fan Fawr; contact Robin on 029 2051 4051.

On July 23, meet at 8am at Cogan for a 15-mile hard walk at Llanthony Priory, the Honddu and Olchen valleys; contact William on 01446 747239.

On July 25, the evening ramble will leave Rhoose railway station at 7pm for a 4.5-mile easy/moderate walk at Rhoose and East Aberthaw; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

Joy Strangward

Butterflies, waves, and the Can Can!

MEMBERS of Sully U3A were treated to 'A Musical Lucky Dip' by member Clive Sims at their July meeting.

Clive has a vast experience of teaching music and is an accomplished pianist and organist and shared a collection of music and songs ranging from Offenbach's 'Barcarolle' to Paul McCartney's 'Yesterday'.

The members were asked to shut their eyes and imagine a butterfly flitting around the garden, while listening to Grieg's 'Butterfly', imagine the waves ebbing and flowing while listening to 'Ebb Tide'; and feel free to join in the Can Can!

Clive gave a pen picture of the various composers with anecdotes which gave an insight into their compositions and was thanked by chairman, Gill Mathias.

Sully U3A's next meeting will be on Thursday, August 8 at 2pm, in The Old School, South Road, Sully. This will be an open afternoon when the various interest groups will display and talk about their activities.

Non-members are welcome to drop in and see what U3A has to offer.

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VALEPLUS CHALLENGE

THE ValePlus charity, which provides training and lifelong learning for adults with learning disabilities, is organising the ValePlus Challenge on Saturday, September 14 from 10am-3pm.

It is a team challenge (maximum of three) to navigate around the Barry area, following instructions, looking for clues, and completing challenges.

There will be prizes for categories including pub, sports, three generation and business teams.

Teams must register in advance. For full information, see www.valeplus.org.uk or email melanie@valeplus.org.uk (or call 01446 746691).

SUMMER PRAISE

RIGHT: Samantha Taylor and husband Peter, with Matthew and Rose.

ON Sunday July 7, Deacon Samantha Taylor (minister in the Vale Circuit) was received into the Methodist Connexion of Britain and ordained as a Deacon at Southwark Cathedral during the Methodist conference in London.

Her family and friends from the Methodist Churches in Barry, Penarth and St Athan were present at the service.

Adventure cruise holiday clubs (for primary age children) are again taking place in the Vale Methodist circuit. Dates/venues are: July 23, 24, 25 (10am – 12.30) at St John Methodist Church, Barry Island.

On July 28 (11am) there will be a Holiday club themed Service for all ages. July 29, 30, 31 (10am – 12.30pm) at The Gathering Place Church and Community Centre.

For full details contact Deacon Sam Taylor on 406262 or deaconsam@live.co.uk

Vale finalists in autism art competition

LOCAL autistic youngsters have reached the final judging stages of CREATE! Art for Autism, a UK-wide competition for young people with an Autistic Spectrum Condition.

The competition for ages 11-25 with an ASC or Asperger's Syndrome, was set up to showcase their creative capabilities.

This year, the competition attracted 810 entries from all across the UK, and even as far afield as Florida. Judges whittled them down to just 41 finalists,including Hannah Grace Denwood (9) from Fairfield Junior School in Penarth (in poetry); Taylor Boulton (17) from Ysgol Maes Dyfan in Barry, in the 3D artwork category, and Charlotte Elver (20) in Beechwood College in Sully, in digital photography.

The judges included Vale MP Alun Cairns and Jane Asher, president of the National Autistic Society and married to illustrator Gerald Scarfe.

All shortlisted finalists will be displayed at a special awards ceremony on July 19 at Beechwood College, in the Vale.

BEATING BULLIES

EYEPAT CIC is launching a unique anti-bullying programme in The Orial at the Senedd today (July 18) where it will be showing Happy Kids Don't Bully films.

Contact admin@eyepat.org or telephone 01446 795055 for further details.

60th FETE IS HUGE SUCCESS

AFTER last year's wash-out, the weather for Barry Scout and Guides' 60th annual fete was back on track – with glorious sunshine to help the Scouts and Guides celebrate their diamond jubilee.

The organisers estimate attendance by members of the public and uniform members at over 6,000, helping to recoup last year's loss and to boost the funds needed by the Scout and Guide groups in Barry.

The traditional marchpast to open the fete was led by the 1st Rogerstone Scout and Guide Band, the only Scout and Guide marching band in Wales.

After a short introduction by Cathie Steele, fete committee chair, Dr Who impersonator, Carwyn Provis, formally opened the fete.

During the opening ceremony Lesley Bryan, Scout leader with 5th Barry Sea Scout Group, was presented by Richard Edwards, area commissioner, the Chief Scout Medal of Merit.

A number of Girlguides were also presented by Jayne Newcombe, Division Commissioner, Baden Powell awards.

Following the official opening, the arena programme kept visitors entertained throughout the afternoon, with a display from Police Dog display team.

The arena games were a huge hit with the Beavers, Rainbows, Cubs, Brownies, Scouts and Guides, demonstrating that Scouting and Guiding is fun.

The Scout and Guide fete committee would like to thank everyone who attended and helped with the 60th fete.

Thanks go, in particular, to the group leaders for their continued support, which allows children from Barry and the surrounding districts to experience Scouting and Guiding and learn new skills, which will serve them well in the future.

Also, to those who helped set up and run the event, the countless helpers setting up the stalls, the parents and friends organising each group's contributions; the sponsors and patrons who provide needed financial support; the Vale of Glamorgan Council; Barry Town Council; St John's Ambulance; and the Barry Air Training Corp (372 Squadron).

The fete committee would like to particularly say thank you to the parks and open spaces staff, especially Neil and Eryl, and other staff of the Vale Council who help to prepare the park.

The fete committee is always trying to improve on our annual event and would appreciate any feedback through our survey which is on our website at www.barryscouts.org/fete.

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Carnival time with Welsh Proms at St David's Hall!

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Add this to the 'beautifully sung anarchy' in the Spooky Men's Prom; tales of Heroes and Villains, narrated by children's TV presenter Barney Harwood in the Family Prom; a trip to Bert's Magical Musical Farmyard in Tiddly Prom and a host of free and fringe events, this year's Welsh Proms Cardiff promises to be one of the finest Wales has seen.

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The village show continues a rural tradition at Llancarfan

LAST weekend's Llancarfan Village Show took place on the sunniest and hottest day of the year so far – so finding shade on the village green was almost as important as winning a prize!

See next week's GEM for more photographs and for details of the winners.

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The ship is carrying a symbolic hamper of local produce to exchange with a similar hamper of local produce from the Vale.

There will be a supper at Barry Yacht Club this evening made from ingredients from both towns and on Friday morning at 10am there will be a reception on board. The exchange of hampers will be made by the Mayor of the Vale and the Mayor of Minehead. The ship will return to Minehead at midday.

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THE theme for the Porthcawl Buckaneers Carnival this Saturday, July 20 is 'TV shows' and there are new entries for floats this year.

Elindia Belly dancers will dance the route and the carnival procession will start at 1.30pm from Sandy Bay park, Porthcawl, town centre, finishing at Porthcawl Rugby Club.

At the front, the Westside All Stars will provide an interesting take on marching!

At the carnival field, will be a travelling fair, numerous stalls and sideshows. There is no entry fee.

"We will be entertained by Bernie Bennett's high wire act and Bruce Airhead. If you want to become involved please contact us.

"This is a local event for the enjoyment of the community of Porthcawl. In addition, it provides opportunities for local charities and good causes to raise much needed funds.

"As Porthcawl Buckaneers the funds we raise are donated to the community", said spokesperson Kerry Marlow.

"If you have a good cause or organisation that you wish to collect for, we are always looking for assistance on our collection days, so come and help us and we will make a donation to your cause.

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Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D783.

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- **£10:** 376297, 735428, 469582, 641393, 777511, 546940, 896686, 834226, 801545, 560144, 171584, 684941, 554961, 890222, 490041, 783592, 515394, 685387, 945567.
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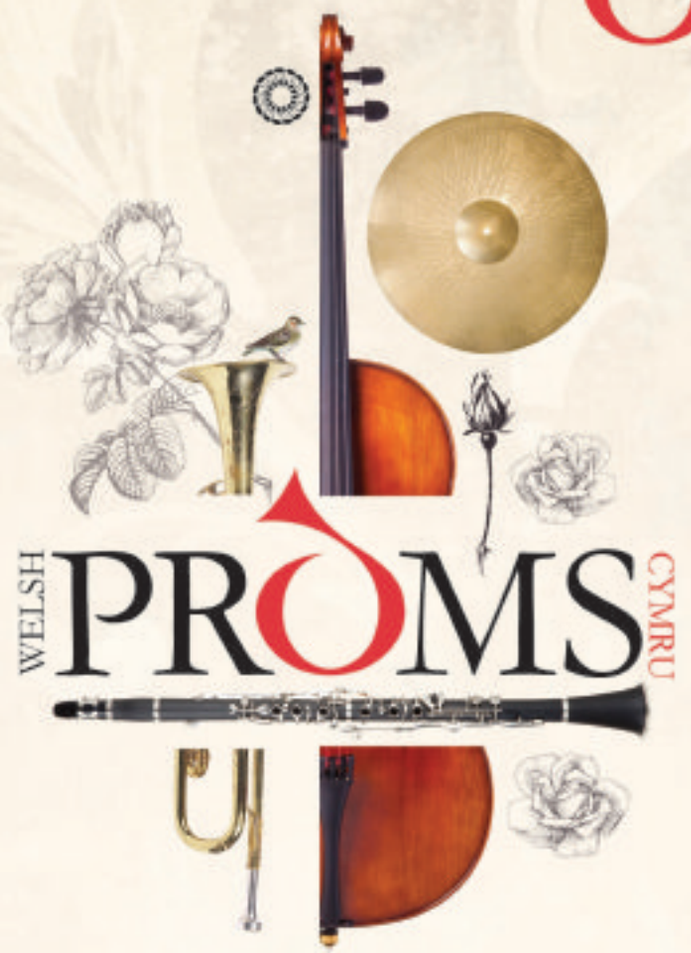

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Charity concert in memory of Ray Murray

Report and photographs
by **KEITH E MORGAN**

THE inaugural Ray Murray concert, sponsored by Porters Estate Agents and held to raise funds for the Cowbridge-based charity, Prostate Cymru, featured the Bridgend Male Choir with musical director Rhiannon Williams-Hale, guest accompanist Sian Davies and compère Gareth Davies.

Also on stage were the Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School Choir, with conductor Debra Jones, and guest soloists Mia Edwards, Callum Howells and Jodi Bird, all winners at the Treorchy National Eisteddfod.

The concert raised well over £1,500 for the Prostate Cymru challenge 'Touching The Sun.' This challenge has been taken up by 13 intrepid explorers; led by Andrew Thomas, consultant urologist and co-founder of Prostate Cymru, who aim to climb five volcanoes in Ecuador to raise funds for a Da Vinci robotic facility at the University of Wales Hospital, Cardiff.

This equipment will be used for the treatment of prostate cancer. The party left Cardiff International Airport for Quito in Ecuador, today (Thursday, July 18). The challenge will last for 14 days, during which time the expedition will climb the rugged volcano mountains of Ecuador to get to the nearest point on earth to the sun!

ABOVE:
The three guest soloists – Mia Edwards, Callum Howells and Jodi Bird – were winners at the National Eisteddfod in Treorchy..

ABOVE:
The Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School Choir, with conductor Debra Jones and headteacher Lyn Murray.

ABOVE: Lyn Murray giving a vote of thanks to all concerned.

LEFT: Andrew Thomas, consultant urologist and co-founder of Prostate Cymru, explaining all about Prostate Cymru, the Da Vinci robotic facility, and the 'Touching the Sun' challenge.

BELOW:
Paul Porter with Rhiannon Williams-Hale bring the concert to its conclusion.

ABOVE:
The Bridgend Male Choir, with musical director Rhiannon Williams-Hale.

Cor Meibion take third prize

CÔR Meibion y Machlud are pictured (below) just before they performed at the all-Wales competitive event Gwyl Fawr, on July 6 in Cardigan, where they won third prize.

In the Gwyl Fawr, there are four choir competitions for youth, women, men and mixed choir. The first prizewinner in each then goes toe-to-toe for the 'Choir of the Festival' trophy.

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Activities for the family: It can be all too easy to let the kids spend too much time on the sofa over the summer, and while it's great to relax after a long school year, it's also important to make sure they stay active during the holidays.

The longer days are also the perfect time for adults to join in and give something new a try too.

Kids aged five to 16 need to do at least 60 minutes of physical activity that gets their heart beating faster than usual, and they need to do it every day to burn off calories and prevent them storing up excess fat. It's also recommended that adults should make sure they're active for 150 minutes a week.

To mark the one year celebration of the opening ceremony of London 2012 Olympics, Halo is inviting local adults and children to visit their local Halo centre on Saturday, July 27 (Bridgend, Maesteg, Ogmore, Pencoed, Pyle, Ynysawdre) to find out how they can get more active more often.

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SPORTS NEWS FROM COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

SKIERS SHINE IN DRY SLOPE COMPETITION

THE south east Wales schools regional dry slope ski competition took place on a sunny summer evening at Fairwater Ski centre in Cardiff, and two boys' teams and one girl represented Cowbridge Comprehensive with great skill and effort.

Each skier carried out two runs on a slalom course, with the fastest time counting towards individual performance and the fastest times for each skier within the team added together to give a team result.

RESULTS: under-14 boys non-registered – 2nd place, Dylan Lloyd-Doyle; 3rd place, Josh Lloyd Doyle; under-16 boys registered – 1st place, Harry Hopkins; under-16 boys non-registered – 2nd place, Henry Jones; 3rd place, Tom Kynaston; under-18 boys non-registered – 1st place, Ben Jones; 2nd place, Jon Harvey; under-18 girls non-registered – 2nd place, Caitlin Jones; overall girls result non-registered –2nd place, Caitlin Jones; overall boys result non-registered – 1st place, Ben Jones.

Overall boys team result –1st place, Cowbridge A (Ben Jones, Ben Thomas, Harry Hopkins, Henry Jones).

The pupils acquitted themselves really well; it was especially pleasing to see some younger skiers getting involved for the first time.

The boys' ski team who took first place in the Fairwater event.

Sophia wins Welsh Cup

SOPHIA HARPIN and her pony Sky represented Wales in the Junior Home International at Uttoxeter, where the team were runners-up to England, beating Ireland and Scotland.

Sophia was also chosen to represent Wales under-17s in this year's European Mounted Games Championships, hosted by Ireland. They were held at Tattersalls in Dublin, July 8 – 15.

The prestigious event was attended by 16 countries. The competition included individual and team events, with competitors from four age groups competing over four days to find the European Champions for 2013.

Earlier this year, eligible riders were observed by the team trainer and selectors at the David Broome Event Centre, Chepstow to select the Welsh Team. Wales has an outstanding reputation throughout the world for World class games riders. This is a remarkable achievement.

Sophia Harpin

Sports day

THE sun came out for sports day on Friday, July 5 and more than 260 pupils and staff travelled to Jenner Park Athletics Stadium to compete in 12 athletic events.

The competition was excellent; each of the three teams per year group fielded two athletes for each event. Many pupils achieved personal best performances, cheered on by their peers.

The track competition stopped to watch Tom Trotman clear 1.85m in the high jump, and Niamh Galton broke the school year-9 high Jump record of 1.45m held by Annabel Curle with a new height of 1.56m.

The relay races were the highlight of the day, with the year-10 girls coming home in a time of 55.75, a new school record.

Thank you to Mrs Thomas for supporting our pupils and giving them the opportunity to compete in the facilities of Jenner Park. Well done all who took part.

OTHER NEWS

THREE of our pupils took part in the 66th Welsh National Track and Field Championships at Leckwith Stadium on July 6.

Kristian Jones was second in the middle boys 100m with a time of 11.27, and second in the 100m hurdles with a time of 14.40.

Tom Trotman won the middle boys high jump with a clearance of 1.80m and came eighth in the shot put with a throw of 10.33m.

The middle boys team won the team event.

Annabel Curle won the middle girls high jump, clearing 1.60m, also a new school record.

Champion Nicole 'overwhelmed' by Fellowship award

Nicole Cooke. PICTURE by HUW JOHN

OLYMPIC cyclist Nicole Cooke MBE, from Wick (above), was "totally overwhelmed" to receive an honorary Fellowship from Cardiff Metropolitan University, at a graduation ceremony in Wales Millennium Centre.

Nicole, who retired from professional cycling in January, said: "I really was overwhelmed by the whole occasion – the atmosphere inside the WMC was electric and it was a very special experience that will stay with me forever.

"It was a fantastic ceremony and great to also see all the Cardiff Met students officially receiving their degrees – I wish every one of them the very best for their future."

An honorary F ellowship is one of the highest honours that the university can bestow, and is awarded to those who have brought distinction either to the university itself or to the region, Cardiff Metropolitan University's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Antony Chapman, said: "The university awarded Nicole this honorary fellowship to show our respect for her outstanding and distinguished service to the community throughout her eminent cycling career."

Nicole (29) enjoyed 13 years success as a professional road bicycle racer, with well-deserved gold medal wins at the Olympics and Word Race Championships in 2008.

She worked closely with Team GB teammates in the 2012 games to get silver medallist Lizzie Armitstead into the best possible position and ensure Britain's place on the podium. Nicole has just finished writing her autobiography, which will be published this autumn.

NEWS FROM WENVOE CASTLE GOLF CLUB

Sun shines on captain's day

CAPTAIN'S DAY at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club has, in recent years, not enjoyed the best of weather conditions.

So, club captain Barrie Jones was relieved and delighted that his special day took place in glorious sunshine, and the club membership played their part, turning out to give full support to the various fundraising events.

All entry fees to the morning Men's 'shotgun' stableford competition were donated to the Captain's nominated charity, Ty Hafan, and several other donations were received from members unable to play on the day.

The winner of the individual stableford was Dan Williams with 41 points winning on countback from Dr Dai Dayananda who also scored 41.

Three players recorded 40 points, with Ian Pearcey taking third place on countback from Rob Picton and Phil Roberts.

The team prize was won by Darren Jeffries, Andrew Miller, Paul Wheatley and Dr Dai Dayananda with an impressive 142 points. John McAree won the nearest the pin competition on the second hole, with his ball finishing just 33 cms from the hole.

VETERAN WINS

The longest drive on the 18th hole was won by 'veteran' Keith Stimpson – fresh from becoming the Glamorgan County Champion the previous week.

The players enjoyed a lunch of hotdogs and onions and then went to the panoramic patio to watch and cheer the 'Captain's Drive' from the nearby 12th tee.

To raise more funds, members were invited to guess the distance the ball travelled using one of three clubs, a 5-iron, a 5-wood or driver – to be selected at random

It turned out to be the 5-iron and, to the obvious relief of the captain, an impressive stroke saw the ball fly some 150 yards up the fairway..

Club member Brian McConkey correctly chose both the club and the distance and he was rewarded with a special prize of a basket of wine.

The real winner was Ty Hafan – receiving several hundred pounds from both events.

The day ended with the presentation of prizes. The Captain thanked the members for their support, together with the bar and catering staff for their excellent service. There was particular praise for the green keepers for presenting the course in such fine condition – especially the immaculate greens which proved to be a major contribution to a successful and rewarding day.

ABOVE:
Winner Dan Williams (on right) receives his prize from club captain Barrie Jones.

ABOVE: Runner-up Dr Dai Dayananda receives his prize.

ABOVE: Ian Pearcey took the third prize.

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YOUNG FOOTBALLERS ON STATESIDE VISIT

The team players with Wales and Everton legend Neville Southall.

A TEAM of young people from the Vale are preparing to travel to the USA to take part in FIFA-regulated football tournaments in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Las Vegas.

The team made up of players (aged 13-14) rom Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg and Cowbridge Comprehensive, will be the only team from the UK competing alongside teams from Mexico, USA, Brazil, Africa, the Caribbean and Hawaii.

PG10 Coaching, the organisers, will be linking in with LA Galaxy in Los Angeles and given opportunities to meet the first team players and watch their preparations before their MLS v Dallas FC match.

All the players have gained accredited sport qualifications and also the 'Gold Award of Excellence' for over 200 hours of voluntary activity from the 'Welsh Government Millennium Volunteers' programme as part of the Olympic 2012 legacy. Each player has been presented with a certificate, signed by First Minster Carwyn Jones.

For more information on PG10 Coaching, go to www.pg10coaching.co.uk or follow the USA tour on twitter @petegriffiths10.

Tennis club remembers Val

ON a sunny Saturday afternoon, Dinas Powys Tennis Club was delighted to welcome the nieces of Val Edwards, Sian and Mair, to Saturday teas to thank them for the bench which they and their brother Rhys have donated to the club in Val's memory.

Val was a much-valued member of the club, epitomising all the attributes of successful club membership. A good team player and a ladies club captain in the 70s, Val also helped and attended social activities and, until about three years ago, made lovely cakes for teas at the beginning of the season.

She was rarely without a smile and a laugh, which made her such good company to all who came in contact with her. She is remembered very fondly.

Many of Val's tennis friends and near contemporaries met Sian and Mair to swap stories. They brought the good weather with them and were delighted with the bench, which now sits proudly on the patio for all to enjoy.

Val would have loved the occasion!

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ABOVE:
Sian and Mair on the memorial bench.

Barry Wanderers play host to the Charlotte Norman memorial match

TEN years ago, Barry Wanderers stalwart Steve Norman lost his daughter Charlotte after a long illness.

Situated next to Hayes Point and the home of Barry Wanderers is Ty Hafan children's hospice, where Charlotte spent the last months of her life being expertly cared for and supported during her last days.

On such a beautiful, sunny day, it was poignant that Barry Wanderers and Cardiff Casuals should play a game dedicated to the memory of Charlotte. The day was also an opportunity to raise money for Ty Hafan, who provide support for life-limited children and young people, and is dedicated to improving the quality of life for the whole family.

Steve Norman, captain for the day, lost the toss and the Casuals elected to bat in the stifling heat.

In his first over, Sam Harris got Britton flaying at a swinging one and he was well caught for 0 by Lewis Downey at gully. O'Reilly and Mason Willes then bludgeoned the ball to all parts as they set about posting a large total.

Ellis dropped a tough chance before getting revenge by catching one on the boundary off the bowling of Theo Richards. Phil Wolfenden had one of those golden days behind the stumps, taking four catches as he and Morgan ripped through the heart of the Casuals batting line up, Morgan finishing his spell with season best figures of 4-17.

At 99 for 8 the situation looked bleak for the Casuals but in Lewis and Obee they had two men made of sterner stuff. Liam Norman, brother of Steve and making a guest appearance for the Wanderers, came onto bowl at the Ty Hafan end and after initial rustiness soon found his line and length and was unlucky not to take a wicket.

It was left to Harris to wrap up the innings as he bowled Obee for 15 and got last man Stephens for 5, caught by Wolfenden down the leg side. With a ninth wicket partnership of 59, the Casuals ended up on a very respectable 168 all out, with the pick of the bowlers being the evergreen Dave Morgan.

With everyone rehydrating, it was time for the Wanderers to see if they could continue with their fine form on a Sunday. Steve Norman opened the batting and looked comfortable at the crease.

Unfortunately, Blundell (9), Hill (0) and Wolfenden (15) were unable to stay for any length of time. Dave Stealey, looking resplendent in baggy green, was wielding his willow with magnificent effect as he creamed the ball to the boundary.

It was all going along so well until a ball was hit to mid-wicket and Steve Norman was the victim, out for a sterling 20. Stealey and Ellis looked to continue the run chase and they took the score past 100 before Stealey sliced one to point for 30.

Richards and Wade soon departed leaving the Wanderers tottering on the brink at 128 for 6 and once Ellis was caught and bowled for 21 the game was effectively over.

Young Harris and Downey tried their best but with Stealey umpiring at the hospital end the game was over with the Wanderers finishing on 144 all out, 24 runs short of their target.

It was a great days cricket, played in excellent spirit and the Cardiff Casuals certainly added their personality and respect to the occasion.

For his accurate wibble-wobble spell of 4-17 off 7 overs in the searing heat, the Dow Corning player of the match award goes to Dave Morgan.

Thanks to all those involved in a special day in the Wanderers history; for the tea ladies who provided such a wonderful tea; chairman Chris Barnes for organising the day; Steve Norman and his family for the support; Paul Wade who sponsored the tea; Alun Wade for his help with the Barclays match funding, and to all the supporters and players who came back to the pub and helped raise £816 for Ty Hafan – it's days like these that I'm proud to be a Barry Wanderer.

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Premiership stars come to support Barry

THE BLUEBIRDS will be the star attraction on Saturday, July 27, when they visit Jenner Park to give Barry Town a welcome boost.

The Premiership new boys, Cardiff City, will tackle Gavin Chesterfield's Barry Town United in a pre-season friendly.

The special match will form the centrepiece of Barry Town's family fun day – a community event in association with LDS Motor Factors and RIM Motors that will feature live music, a bouncy castle, barbecue, disco and more, in addition to the football.

Tickets for the day, including admission to the match and the other entertainment, are available online at *barry.ticketsource.co.uk* – for the family-friendly prices of £5 and £3 (under-11s).

Last season, Cardiff City brought a team to Jenner Park for a sell-out match that included a string of full internationals and first team faces, and another strong side is expected

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VARIOUS ROADS, CARDIFF AIRPORT

(VARIOUS PROHIBITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS TO VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENTS)

(ANTI-TERRORISM) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2013

1. On the 11th July 2013 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 14(1) and 22C of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedules below.

2. The Order will come into operation on the 30th July 2013 and a copy of the Order may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

3. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 30th July 2013 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

Except as provided by this Order:

No person shall proceed on foot or cause or permit any vehicle or cycle to proceed, stop or wait at any time, in the location specified within the Schedule below.

SCHEDULE

Location	All roads between the roundabout where the airport access road meets the A4226/B4265 and the junctions where the two airport access roads meet Port Road.
Reason	These prohibitions, restrictions and limitations are made for the purpose of avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the roads; avoiding, reducing, or reducing the likelihood of, danger connected with terrorism or for a purpose relating to danger or damage connected with terrorism (as defined in Section 1 of the Terrorism Act 2000).
Duration	From 18.01 hours on 30th July 2013 for a maximum period of 18 Months.
Alt. Route	The diversions for south east bound traffic will be from the roundabout adjacent to the Aircraft Maintenance Facility, then in a south easterly direction along the A4226 to the roundabout at the junction with Port Road then in a south westerly direction along Port Road, to the Airport and vice-versa.

Dated this 18th day of July 2013

M. E. Punter,
Director of Visible Services & Housing,
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

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1. Ar 11 Gorffennaf 2013 gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wrth arfer ei bwerau o dan Adrannau 14(1) a 22C o Ddeddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, Orchymyn gyda'r effaith gyffredinol a ddisgrifir yn yr Atodlenni isod.

2. Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 30 Gorffennaf 2013 a bydd copi o'r Gorchymyn i'w weld yn y cyfeiriad a ddangosir isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

3. Os hoffech gwestiynu dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu unrhyw ddarpariaethau oddi mewn iddo ar y sail nad ydynt o fewn y pwerau a roddwyd yn y Ddeddf uchod neu ar y sail na chafwyd cydymffurfiaeth yn achos unrhyw ofynion o'i eiddo neu unrhyw offeryn yn ddarostyngedig iddo mewn perthynas â'r Gorchymyn, cewch o fewn chwech wythnos o 30 Gorffennaf 2013 wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys i'r perwyl hwn.

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Bell Street, Barry - £115,000
Two bedroom traditional mid terrace. West End of Barry. Occasional room/office accessed via bedroom two. Hallway, lounge/dining room, kitchen, downstairs bathroom. upvc DG. Gas CH. Enclosed rear garden. Romilly school catchment area. Close proximity to shops, park and train station. Ideal starter home or investment property.

Waters Edge, Barry - £195,000
Two bedroom 1st floor apartment in exclusive area of The Knap. Views of Bristol Channel. Open plan lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen with 'Smeg' appliances. Family bathroom and en suite shower room. Double glazing, gas CH. Balcony with views across pebble beach. Video door entry system and intruder alarm. Elevator. Gated allocated parking.

St Pauls Avenue, Barry - £129,950
Three bedroom mid link property. West End of Barry. Porch, hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen. Bathroom to 1st floor. upvc DG. Electric heating. Close to English and Welsh primary schools, High Street shops and Barry train station with links to Bridgend and Cardiff. Offered for sale with no chain.

Hill Street, Barry - £119,950
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Porth y Castell, Barry - £239,950
Extended four double bedroom semi detached. On sought after Garden Suburb in West End of Barry. Hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room. Downstais wc. 1st floor shower room. Gas CH, upvc DG. Enclosed rear garden. Driveway providing parking to integral garage. Close to park, shops and train station. No chain.

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Y Cerigos, Barry - £249,950
Two double bedroom, ground floor apartment. On edge of The Knap Gardens and pebble beach. Security video entry. Gated community in block of four. Communal hallway, entrance hallway, open plan lounge/dining room/kitchen. Ensuite shower room and family bathroom. DG. Heating/air con system. Balcony accessed via living and dining areas. Two allocated parking spaces.

Fontygary Road, Rhoose - £295,000
Three bedroom detached bungalow. On generous plot in village of Rhoose. Porch, hallway, inner hallway, lounge, dining room, conservatory, office. Modern fitted kitchen and utility room. Family bathroom and en suite shower room to master bedroom. upvc DG. Gas CH. Enclosed large front and rear gardens. Double detached garage. Viewing recommended.

Porthkerry Road, Barry - £169,950
Traditional three bedroom, four storey property with views across the waterfront. Porch, hallway and two bedrooms to ground floor. Master bedroom and bathroom to 1st floor. Lounge, kitchen and 2nd bathroom to lower ground floor. Loft room. upvc DG. Gas CH. Enclosed rear garden. Close to local shops and Barry train station. Property offers flexible living. Offers invited.

Gladstone Road, Barry - £210,000
Traditional four double bedroom semi detached. Panoramic views. Porch, hallway, lounge, sitting room. Family room, modern fitted kitchen. Master bedroom with en suite and built-in storage. Three further double bedrooms, two benefiting from built-in storage. Bathroom. upvc double glazing. Gas CH via combi. Enclosed rear garden. Hard standing for use as parking.

Barry Road, Barry - £189,950
Detached three bedroom cottage. East end of Barry. Entrance porch, lounge/dining room with feature log burner. Kitchen/breakfast room. upvc DG conservatory. Utility room. Downstairs modern bathroom with separate shower cubicle. upvc DG. Gas CH. Enclosed gardens to front and rear. Off road parking for 2/3 vehicles. Vendor has carried out extensive works over last 4 years. EPC: E

St James Crescent, Barry - £299,950
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Beryl Road, Barry - £122,500
Two bedroom mid terrace. Entrance hallway, lounge/dining room. Fitted kitchen, family room, conservatory. Two bedrooms, bathroom, shower room and separate wc to 1st floor. Gas CH. upvc DG. Enclosed rear garden. Property is on footprint of a three bedroom. Walking distance Gladstone Park , Holton Road shops. Close to Barry Dock train station. EPC:D

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Two double bedroom semi detached bungalow. West End of Barry. Panoramic views. hallway, lounge, kitchen, two double bedrooms, bathroom, separate wc. Enclosed patio area. Small enclosed garden to side. upvc DG. Gas CH. Walking distance to Romilly Park, The Knap Gardens, lakeside cafes and pebble beach. Close proximity to Barry train station.

Court Road, Barry - £134,950
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St Pauls Avenue, Barry - £149,950
Traditional bay fronted, three bedroom end terrace property. West End of Barry. Porch, hallway, lounge through sitting room, dining room, kitchen. Downstairs wc, Bathroom, three bedrooms and office/nursery/dressing room to 1st floor. Gas CH, upvc DG. Enclosed rear garden. Single garage. Walking distance of schools, shops, train station. EPC: E

The Heathers, Barry - £159,950
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Glynbridge Close, Barry - £159,950
Three bedroom detached bungalow. Cul de sac location in North of Barry. Porch, hallway, lounge/diner, kitchen, shower room. upvc DG. Gas CH. Enclosed rear garden. Low maintenance front garden. Driveway providing off road parking for two vehicles. Integral garage. Close to local amenities. Offered for sale with no chain. EPC: C

Colcot Road, Barry - £160,000
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Following her wishes, her body has been passed to Cardiff School of Bio-Sciences (University Hospital). Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be made to Save the Children Fund, c/o Mrs Ruth Ridge, The Orchard, Perriswood, Penmaen, Swansea, SA3 2HN.

MAY
Donald E J

Peacefully on July 9 at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, after a long illness bravely borne, Don of St Athan. Loving father of Phillip, will be sorely missed by Jenny.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Monday July 22, service 11am at St Athan Church followed by interment in St Athan Cemetery. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to RSPCA or Ty Hafan Childrens Hospice Wales, both c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3DZ.

DAVIES
Glenys

Peacefully on July 10th at Holme Tower, Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth, Glenys from Llantwit Major, much loved wife of Alan and mother of Peter and the late Sally. Adored grandma of Owen and Gareth. Glenys' wonderful sense of humour and fun will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Funeral Service on Tuesday, July 23rd at St Illtyd's Church, Llantwit Major at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 1.15pm.

No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to Marie Curie, Holmes Towers c/o Thomas Brothers, Greengate, Ewenny Road, St Brides Major, CF32 0SB.

WAKEFIELD
Phillip Charles

Peacefully slipped away on 13th July 2013, Phillip of Llantwit Major after a short fight with cancer. Treasured husband of Liz and a devoted father to Colin, David, Emma and Elaine. He was a loving granddad and will be sadly missed.

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, Llantwit Major until the Funeral on Tuesday 23rd July 2013 in Coychurch Crematorium at 2.45pm. Flowers may be sent to the Funeral Home or donations may be made to Marie Curie Cancer Care (cheques only please).

HENDERSON
Barbara Rose

Peacefully on 13th July at Milsom House, St Athan, Barbara Rose, aged 95 years of Llantwit Major. A loved wife of James Alfred, dearly loved mother of Christine and the late David. Cherished grand-mother of David, Sian, Samantha, Emma, James and great grandmother to all her great grandchildren. Barbara will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until the Funeral on Tuesday, 23rd July 2013. Funeral Service at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry at 12 noon, where family and friends please meet.

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Rhodri

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PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2012

On the 7th June 2013 the Vale of Glamorgan Council confirmed the above Order, made under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert the public footpath as shown on the Order map.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the address below from 9:00am to 4:00pm on weekdays from 18th July 2013 until 29th August 2013. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at a price of £4.50.

This Order comes into force on the 18th July 2013, but if any person aggrieved by the Order wants to question its validity or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may, under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from the date on which the Notice is first published make an application to the High Court.

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The Sun shines on Brynhill lady golfers

ABOVE: Julie Harkin, Audrey Phillips, Jo Kirkpatrick and Rose Pitman.

ABOVE: Members had a great time at the ladies' captain's day.

BRYNHILL ladies' section continues to enjoy a very successful season, as the sunny weather has resulted in all competitions being well supported.

Results for the club competitions as follows: June 11, John Lowden Cup, Golf Foundation Brooch and GUW bronze medal – winner, Alma Sheppard, 66 nett; GUW silver medal – winner, Jan Robertson,75 nett.

June 18, Ladies captain's prize followed by a presentation in the evening – bronze winner, Brenda Chick; silver winner, Linda Hewlett.

Thank you to the ladies' captain, Mrs Julie Harkin for the beautiful prizes.

June 25, Peggy Lane Cup – winner, Helene Cook, nett 71; GUW silver medal – winner, Helene Cook; GUW bronze medal – winner, Carole Bumford.

July 2, Jo Whitehouse Cup – winner, Liz Taylor; Grans Trophy – winner, Judy Davies.

Ladies' open day

THIS event was enjoyed by over 60 ladies, who visited Brynhill.

There were visitors from St Mary Hill, Pontnewydd, Newport, Maesteg and St Athan to name but a few, and the sun shone and the course looked fantastic, thanks to Iain Grant and his ground staff.

Once again the ladies captain and the ladies of Brynhill would like to thank all those who supported the event; congratulations to the worthy prize winners.

The event was played as a team event with three players in each team.

Winners from Pontnewydd were Claire Bartlett, Jan Breddy and Jackie Quigley, 88 pts; in second place from St Mary Hill were Celia Thomas, Rosalie Clode and Kay Harcombe, 80 pts (41 back 9); in third place from Brynhill were Jo Kirkpatrick, Audrey Phillips and Rose Pitman; 80 points (40 back 9).

Longest drive, Chris Thomas from Pontnewydd.

Once again, thank you to the ladies captain, Mrs. Julie Harkin who, with her committee, organised a wonderful day and a special thank you to Julie for the lovely prizes.

Also a special thank you to John Kirkpatrick who was the starter on the first tee for many hours; his time was greatly appreciated.

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The ladies' captain Julie Harkin.

ABOVE: The ladies' captain's winners.

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Barrivale results

LATEST results from Barrivale, July 2:

First, Mick Green and Noelle Bond, 69.05 per cent; second, Sam Fellows and Sean Macdougall, 58.93; third,Tom Kendrick and Dave Thomas 55.21. Sam and Sean won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale, if you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Results from Barrivale from July 9 were:

1st Mark Roderick & Mike Close 57.08 per cent; 2nd Diana Kendrick & Cynthia Luen 55.42; 3rd Denis Mottram & Ken Hannah 53.75.

Diana and Cynthia won on handicap.

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Day's celebrates anniversary with rebranding of branch

ADVERTISING PROMOTION

TEN years after the opening of Day's Trade Centre in Cardiff, the Swansea-based motor group is rebranding its Cardiff branch as Day's Motor Park.

This has been timed to coincide with the company's 87th anniversary. To implement the strategic plan put in place by the rebranding, Day's management has appointed Cardiff-born Lee Blackmore to the post of sales manager.

It will be his job to stimulate sales and develop the company's online and digital presence.

He said: "In Cardiff, we are just rebranding and not changing our operation, which has done so well over the last 10-years.

"We would like people to come here, see the investment made and the improvements we have undertaken to promote the name of Day's Motor Park in south-east Wales.

"In Swansea, the Day's name has been synonymous with the Ford marque for decades, and our mission is to tell customers and potential customers that we are here, developing the site and expanding the facilities we offer."

As an auto dealer, Day's has a pedigree that reaches back to 1926. During this time, the company has established centres in both Cardiff and Llanelli.

Mr Blackmore explained: "This rebranding has been done to bring our Cardiff operation in line with the rest of the group. Swansea remains Day's Motor Park Swansea and Day's Motor Park Llanelli was launched two months ago."

The Hadfield Road site in Cardiff, which can accommodate 130 cars, is currently shared with Day's Car Rental.

Over the years, the rental facilities have meant Day's has built up a large customer base in the corporate market for hired vehicles.

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PETANQUE FINALS HELD IN PENARTH

ON Sunday, July 7, the Penarth Pétanque Club hosted the 2013 Welsh Pétanque Association National Singles championship, where 16 players assembled at the playing pistes of the Kymin Garden in Penarth and were all pleased to see the blazing sun shining.

In the afternoon, the knock-out stage of the competitions started with the quarter-finals. In the main competition Jean-Yves Robic (Penarth PC) beat Gemma Foster (Wheatsheaf PC), Geaf Jones (Penarth PC) beat Richard Harris (Caerleon PC), John Price (Caerleon PC) beat Ian Williams (Penarth PC) and Jake Caston (Wheatsheaf PC) beat John Prosser (Abergavenny PC) to secure their place in the semi-finals.

In the plate, after an equally good series of games, Tansy Mayfield (Caerleon PC), Peter McCarthy (Abergavenny PC), Kon Tomczyk (PC) and Rhys Lawrence (Penarth PC), the only junior in the event, booked their place in the plate semi-finals.

All semi-finals were played in the shade on the lower pistes of the Kymin and all games were fiercely competed. In the main, Jean-Yves Robic (Penarth PC) could not repeat his win against Jake Caston (Wheatsheaf PC) and narrowly conceded the first place in the final 12-13. The second semi-final saw John Price (Caerleon PC) beat the last Penarth PC representative, Geoff Jones 13-5 to secure an all Gwent final.

The plate competition saw Rhys Lawrence (Penarth PC) conceding a sharp 3-13 defeat to Kon Tomczyk (Caerleon PC), and Peter McCarthy (Abergavenny PC) take the best over Tansy Mayfield (Caerleon PC) 13-5.

The final for the title between John Price and Jake Caston was off high calibre but despite building up a good early lead, John Price could not stop a very good come back from veteran player Jake Caston (Wheatsheaf PC) who finally took the 2013 National Singles title 13-8.

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GEM sport

Barry Skittlers turn up the heat in shoot-out...

AS if beating 43 rival skittles teams wasn't enough, a team of players from Barry showed how it's done with a whopping 488 points, 48 points clear of their nearest rivals in a Shoot Out Club tournament.

The winners, View the Dragon B, who play out of Sea View Labour Club, nailed the competition staged at Weston Super Mare, with a 121 leg featuring no less than five spares.

There was always a strong chance that a Welsh team was going to take the title, with eight out of the final twelve contenders coming from Wales, particularly the Cardiff or Barry areas. As well as lifting the trophy, View the Dragon B's Steve Manning was man of the match with a score of 60 and three spares. Runners-up were another Barry team, The Alternatives and Peter Solowick from the Scrum Halfs, also from Barry, was man of the match with a resounding 68.

View the Dragon B team are no strangers to winning Shoot Out tournaments, having triumphed in Hayling Island six years ago. But even they had to admit they had never seen a game quite like it with pins flying everywhere.

And it wasn't just about the skittles. The team found time during the weekend to raise £840 for Diabetes UK including donating their prize money. Over the years, the team has raised more than £14,000 for a variety of charities.

Also playing in the tournament were the Welsh Wizards from Barry who have supported Shoot Out Club co-director Rachel Bourke as she has raised money for Cancer Research UK over many years. Sarah Aston from Welsh Wizards, who was an Olympic torch bearer last year, brought along her torch to help raise funds. And as a result, they presented Rachel with a cheque for over £3,000 for CRUK.

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The Welsh Wizards present Rachel Bourke of the Shoot Out Club (second right) with a cheque for Cancer Research UK.

Celebrating their triumph, View the Dragon B team. Back row L to R: Derek Britton, Paul Evans, Steve Manning, Kevin Pycroft, Dave Nesbitt, Ross Williams. Front row: John Batt (captain), Kris Lewis, Tony Payne, Barrie Watkins.

Cadoxton struggle in Munro Cup clash

CADOXTON had Dinas Powis as visitors visitors for their Munro Cup clash on July 3.

Three of the rinks were reasonably close but none of them were successful.

Howard Craven held a 12 – 7 lead, against Neil Giles, but lost five of the final six ends.

Graham Brown was drawing with Mike Edwards, until his rink lost the last four.

Kelvin Chedgzoy dropped two '5s' during his game against opposing skip Paul Marks, to lose by 6 shots

Derek Brook met Richard Janes as his opposing skip, and by half way had conceded four '4s', whilst scoring two '4s' to trail 11 – 18.

Only two further ends brought success, with two '3s' against which ensured a comprehensive defeat.

Scores: T Bishop, J Ferguson, L Davies, G Brown 14 – 19 D James, H Lamour, C Parson, M Edwards; J Stacey, K McMahon, J Sugden, H Craven 13 – 15 J Cole, R Fear, M Seaford, N Giles; E Heppenstall, K Cowling, I Robertson, K Chedgzoy 14 – 20 J Ackland, R Diment, A Locker, P Marks; S Clements, S Clarke, K Carling, D Brook 14 – 29 B Griffiths, G Leach, C Bates, R Janes

Final score: 55 – 83

On Saturday, July 6 Cadoxton played Romilly 'A' in the ML4.

Following their excellent win last week, Cadoxton were looking forward to adding some further points, when they met Romilly in a home match. However the tables were turned to finish pointless.

A tremendous struggle took place between the fours skipped by Don Kuhnell and Bryn Gough.

Unfortunately the home team's front players did not attain the form they have shown over the last few weeks, leaving the skip to keep them in contention. The scores were tied on five occasions before a shot on the last end gave the victory to the visitors.

Graham Brown also went close against the rink skipped by Gary Eastment. They were level with three ends which all went in favour of the visitors.

Skips, Howard Craven and Cyril Geen were also level after fourteen ends, but a '4' by the visitors opened a gap which was never recovered.

Derek Brook's rink started badly, when they conceded three '5s' and a ''4' early in the game against Bob Wyatt's rink, which gave them an unassailable advantage.

Scores: A Turner, P Swannick, K Chedgzoy, D Brook 12 – 31 R Clements, C Tapscott, A Jones, R Wyatt; D Evans, W Vaughan, G Davies, H Craven 1 3 – 19 D Evans, W Vaughan, G Davies, H Craven; H Hellyar, K Cowling, I Robertson, D Kuhnell 13 – 14 P Clerke, K Cowling, A Woolcock, B Gough; T Bishop, P Ellis, L Davies, G Brown 17 – 22 A Bannister, M Gronnow, B Cheal, G Eastment.

Final score 55 – 86

Cadoxton 'A' played Gelligaer 'A' in the ML6.

Cadoxton 'A' continued their troubled season with a trip to the notorious sloping green at Gelligaer.

Two of the rinks were unable to cope with the conditions and lost heavily.

Alan Carpenter's rink kept in contention throughout the game and sneaked a win with the final bowl, after losing a six shot lead, three ends earlier.

Steve Clarke's four scored two earl '3s', but trailed 8-15 after thirteen ends.

A spirited recovery brought the scores level on the penultimate, however a single on the last took away the glory.

Scores: S Clements, R Clough, J Davies 16 – 29; J Ferguson, D Fanning, D Tuck, S Clarke 21 - 22; L Cundliffe, L Adams, M Mathews, J Sugden 11 – 26; G Powell, R Cole, M Curtis, A Carpenter 19 – 18.

Final score: 68 - 95

Wimbledon fever hits St Richard Gwyn

ELEVEN pupils from St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School caught the Wimbledon bug when they had the opportunity to visit the championships in SW19.

An early start led to the students arriving as the gates opened giving them the chance to explore the grounds and see what Wimbledon had to offer. The first stop, of course, was at the shop where they bought all their gifts and souvenirs.

Throughout the day, the pupils had the chance to see some high quality tennis, including the ladies doubles, boys junior singles and mixed doubles; the day ended with a tense and closely-fought Andy Murray match, which was watched from 'Henman Hill'.

The pupils remarked at the atmosphere Wimbledon offered, with one pupil saying: "The crowd was massive on the hill. The atmosphere was awesome when he brought it back to win."

The tired pupils returned to school at midnight, but all said what a lovely day they had had and asked if they could go again next year!

Summer training for Barry basketball club

BARRY Huskies Basketball Club is looking for boys and girls, aged 12 to 18, who are interested in playing basketball.

Following on from a very successful year for three junior and three senior teams, the Huskies are in the process of summer training and all levels are welcome to come along and join in

Barry Huskies train at Holm View Leisure Centre, Skomer Road, on Sundays. The 9am to 11pm session is for 12–14-year-olds, and the 11am–1pm session is for 14-18 age group.

On Friday evenings, 6pm–9pm, there is under-18 advanced training

Anyone interested should contact Aidy on 07999 33 1160 or Ian on 07967 56 2392 or look on the website *barryhuskies.net*

Cardiff company sponsors Barry Athletic youngsters

Last season, Container Services Wales Ltd (CSWL) provided additional sponsorship for local junior football team Barry Athletic FC.

CSWL were kind enough to supply the players with training tops and the coaching staff with all weather wear for the winter months.

The managing director of CSWL, Paul Wells, said: "When we were first approached to help the players and the coaching staff, we didn't have to think twice. We are pleased to be associated with such an established football club."

The manager of Barry Athletic FC, Tony Barnett, expressed his gratitude.

"The generosity of CSWL was fantastic and we would like to place on record our sincere thanks. The boys absolutely loved their training tops."

DARREN WELLS

MILLWOOD IN A CONVINCING WIN

ON a very hot sunny afternoon on Saturday, July 13, Millwood bowlers triumphed over St. Peters, who were top of Division 3, by a total of 44 shots.

By winning on all four rinks, this 14-0 points win certainly wiped out the defeat at Gelligaled.

The next Division 3 game is away to Bargoed this Saturday, while the Millwood 'A' side who had no game this week, host Murch 'A'.

Final match result Millwood 98 – 54 St Peters.

Schoolgirl swaps the gymnastics for ballet!

UNTIL a year ago, Seren Cummings (14) from Barry was dreaming of becoming a professional gymnast. Then she took up ballet to help with rhythmic gymnastics training, and enjoyed it so much she has now decided to follow a career as a professional dancer.

Seren Cummings of Barry.

Seren started training in gymnastics for 14 hours each week when she was eight years old at the YMCA in Barry.

She joined the Nicola Peros School of Ballet 12 months ago to improve her gymnastics.

"Ballet started as a hobby, but I loved it. I started doing so much ballet that it came to the point where I had to make a decision between gymnastics and ballet – I could only do one as the classes were clashing."

Seren attends Bryn Hafren Girls Comprehensive School and is training for 16 hours a week at the Nicola Peros School of Ballet.

She has been selected by English Youth Ballet to appear in a professional production of *Giselle* at the New Theatre in Cardiff, one of 100 south Wales dancers chosen at an audition in March. There will be three performances from July26-27.